

Blessitt Calls For 'Jesus Revolution'

By Beth Hayworth

WASHINGTON (BP) — Preaching a message of "love to overcome the hate in the nation," Hippie Evangelist Arthur Blessitt of Hollywood, Calif., completed a 4,000 mile "walk for Jesus" here which he started six months ago on Christmas day in Los Angeles.

Rolling a 10-foot, 150-pound cross on old bicycle wheels, Blessitt and a few associates from Sunset Strip, a hippie hang-out in Los Angeles, ended the trip with 24 hours of prayer and fasting prior to a rally on the grounds of the Washington Monument.

Earlier a group of about 600 young persons joined Blessitt carrying his cross in a march around downtown Washington. Shouting to passersby and onlookers that "Jesus loves you," the group sang folk rock religious songs and gave cheers for Jesus.

Dressed in mod clothes and wearing his hair in the long hippie style, the 29-year-old Southern Baptist minister challenged the youths, many of them dressed also in the garb of the hippie world, to be a part of a new revolution.

The "Jesus revolution," he called it, at a rally ending the 24-hour period of prayer and fasting.



A QUIET MOMENT—Arthur Blessitt pauses during a march through Washington, D.C., to tell this young lady about Christ. He set out despite protests by three doctors that he had a 50-50 chance of surviving. The young Southern Baptist, who sets a fast pace in his witnessing to hippies, has suffered five minor strokes in four years. He and his staff will remain in Washington for 40 days (until Aug. 27) to answer any calls for prayer and other requests. He is seeking calls at (202) 393-8893. (BP) Photo by Dale Larsen.



PIED PIPER FOR CHRIST—Arthur Blessitt, minister to hippies on Los Angeles' Sunset Strip, with a stream of youth in his wake, enters Washington, D.C., the last stop on his 4,000-mile, six-month "walk for Jesus." The 29-year-old Southern Baptist evangelist pulls his 10-foot, 150-pound cross which he and his family and several associates transported from Los Angeles in a cross-country dramatization of the nation's spiritual needs. The walk ended with a rally at the Washington Monument and a 24-hour period of fasting. (BP) Photo by Dale Larsen.



"SMILE, GOD LOVES YOU" — That's one of the slogans which greeted more than 1,000 persons, mostly youth, who attended a rally at the Washington Monument conducted by Hippie Evangelist Arthur Blessitt at the end of a 4,000-mile, six-month walk from Los Angeles with a 10-foot, 150-pound cross. Blessitt, a Southern Baptist, trekked across country with his family and staff to dramatize the nation's spiritual needs. (BP) Photo by Dale Larsen.

Blessitt, who earlier in the day had collapsed from exhaustion, according to a Red Cross nurse, preached with strength and compassion for about 30 minutes to a crowd of about 1,000 persons.

He began the cross country trek against the advice of four doctors, concerned over five minor strokes the young evangelist had suffered in four years.

Although three out of the four doctors gave him a 50-50 chance of surviving, Blessitt said he refused to stay in California because of his conviction that the journey would dramatize the nation's spiritual needs.

During the six month excursion, the travelers divided their time between riding in a 15-year-old automobile which pulled a trailer, rolling the cross and conducting evangelistic rallies. Blessitt's wife and three children accompanied them.

In his appeal to the crowd in Washington, Blessitt asked his followers "to stress love and understanding instead of hate...to go into every community and become brothers with every man...to go on the streets, hand in hand...shoulder to shoulder...to share Jesus in a new revolution."

"God, we can't live without revival in the land," Blessitt prayed, pleading for a spiritual revival to begin in the group gathered before him and in the Congress and White House.

"There is so much suffering, death, disease, pain and hate..." he cried. Blessitt prayed especially for those who "cursed us and tried to kill us" on the long journey to Washington.

"Put love in the hearts of our people," he prayed.

"We can't live with our churches so cold and our preachers so dead and our buildings so fine," he cried, with tears streaming down his face. Using terms familiar to the hippie community, Blessitt told the reverent, listening youth that they did not need to get "high" on drugs. Instead of "dropping acid, all you need is to drop a little Matthew, Mark, Luke and John...and get stoned with Jesus," he advised.

In front of Blessitt as he spoke was the mobile cross he and a few converts had wheeled across the country. Fashioned from an old rough-hewn telephone pole, the cross was painted with red dots about two inches in diameter.

On the red dots were the sign of the cross at the top ending with the peace symbol at the bottom of the cross.

The words "smile, God loves you" were printed in black ink. Blessitt's title as "Minister of Sunset Strip" and his Hollywood address circled the rim of the red dots.

The same red dots appeared all around Washington on poles and buildings, and were worn by many

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Personnel Shortage Closes Clinic

By Susan S. Cahen

RICHMOND (BP)—A medical clinic which had served over 40,000 Indonesians has been closed and the building of a controversial Baptist hospital has been seriously impeded for lack of medical personnel, according to R. Keith Parks, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board secretary for Southeast Asia.

The clinic and hospital site are located in Bukittinggi on the Indonesian island of Sumatra. Earlier this year, the Foreign Mission Board announced that land and a building permit for the hospital had been secured and construction would begin shortly.

Although some opposition continued, a high-level Indonesian government figure gave the project unexpected support in a written document.

"Just as the doors open, . . . we suddenly don't have the personnel to go there," Parks said. "We've got to have a surgeon and a general practitioner just to open the hospital."

Currently, Dr. Kathleen Jones, stationed in Kediri, Java, is the only Southern Baptist missionary physician in Indonesia. Under her supervision, Missionary Nurse Ruth Ford maintained the clinic in Bukittinggi for some time, anticipating the arrival of Dr. Frank B. Owen from the States.

However, Dr. Owen died en route to Indonesia, leaving Dr. Jones as the only Baptist physician serving Bukittinggi and Kediri, which are about 1,000 miles apart and on different islands.

The clinic was closed because Indonesian law dictates that a physician must be on hand to maintain medical clinics, Parks said.

Dr. Owen, who suffered a heart attack in Honolulu June 24, was returning to Indonesia from a furlough to participate in building the new hospital, selecting its staff and setting up its equipment.

Ross B. Fryer Jr., missionary stationed in Padan, about 70 miles from Bukittinggi, will continue the supervision of the hospital construction.

When Southern Baptists began their ministry in Bukittinggi in 1963 they were the only evangelical Christian mission in a city of about 50,000.

Dr. Owen and his family left the hospital in Kediri to go to Bukittinggi (meaning "High Hill"), which is about 70 miles inland from the coast in Western Sumatra.

During his first year there, Dr. Owen sought to buy land for the proposed 50-bed hospital and to receive

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C. Stanley Lowell Questions Report On Vatican Wealth

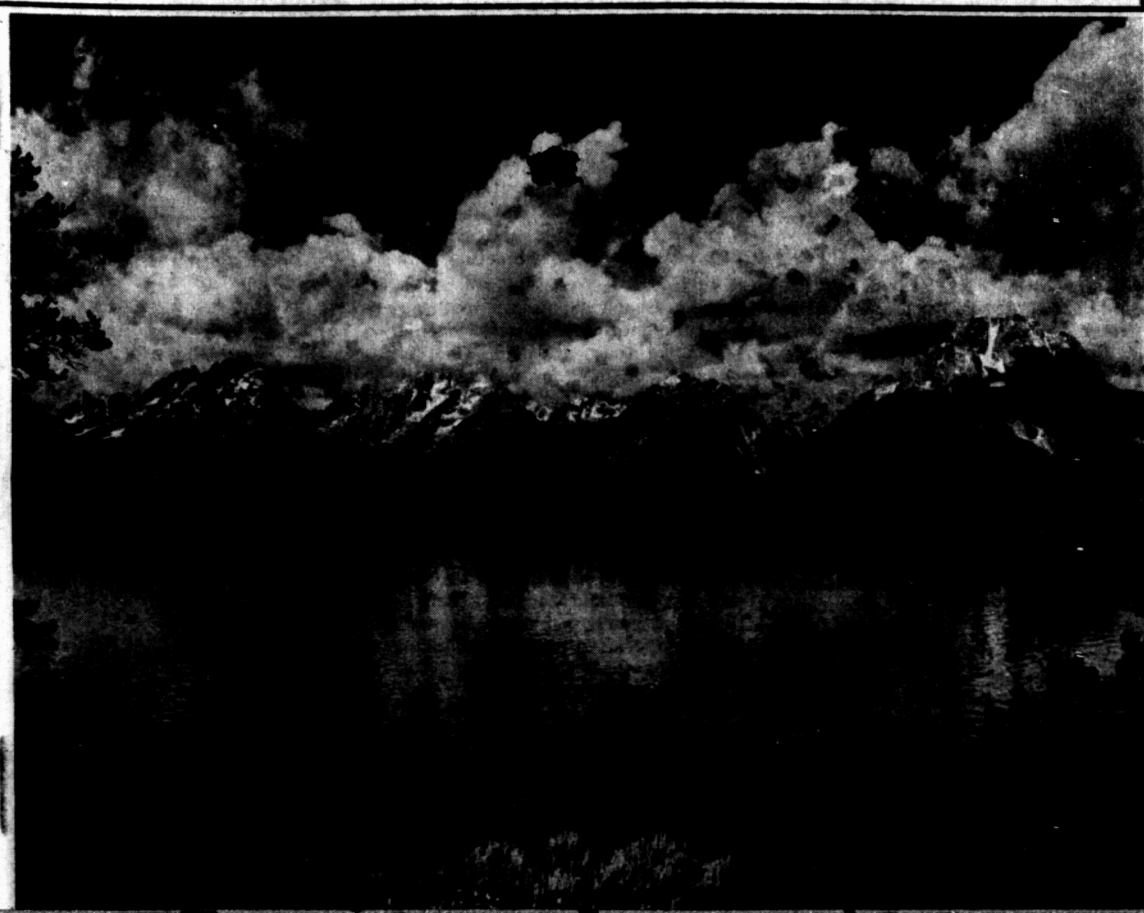
WASHINGTON, D.C. (C-SNS) — C. Stanley Lowell, co-author with Martin A. Larson of *Praise the Lord for Tax Exemption*, published by Robert B. Luce, Inc. of Washington, D.C., called *L'Osservatore Romano's* July 12 disclaimer of great Vatican wealth "interesting" but noted that the statement raised many more questions than it answered. Full text of the Lowell statement follows:

"The statement of Pope Paul VI that the Vatican has assets of a mere \$128 million and that the church is really quite poor, are interesting in view of the Pope's recent statement that the church must 'have the appearance of poverty.' It is understandable that the Roman Catholic Church would like to present an image of poverty, especially in these days of economic and social ferment. Unfortunately, despite the studied suppression of financial data which characterizes the policy of this church, its assets are simply too vast to remain hidden.

"Note that the Vatican's denial of wealth is accompanied by no financial report of any kind. The statement that the Vatican does not have controlling interest in the companies in which it owns stock is misleading. De facto control can easily be exercised by the Vatican and associates favorable to its interests.

"Note, too, that the statement specifically excluded the wealth of the religious orders. Why was this done? Was it because the 539 Roman Catholic

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Grand Teton National Park

FOURTEEN MILE LONG Jackson Lake is the largest body of water in Jackson Lake Hole, and is ideal for summer swimming and boating. Giant mackinaw trout, weighing up to 30 pounds lurk in its four hundred foot

depths. In the background are the snow-covered flanks of the Teton mountains, with a dozen peaks rising more than 11,000 feet above sea level.—Union Pacific Railroad Photo.

Final Roundup

Baptist World Congress Urges Peace, Reconciliation

By Jim Newton

TOKYO (BP) — The 12th Baptist World Congress, after hearing a score of speeches on the themes of racial equality, peace, justice, hunger, disease, evangelism, Christian unity, and reconciliation between people and nations, adopted a manifesto, a message to its churches, and a half-dozen resolutions dealing with the same basic issues.

The six-day congress ended with a message by Evangelist Billy Graham on the roles and responsibilities of youth, while about 50 Japanese young people protested the prominent clergyman's presence on the program.

Theme for the congress was "Reconciliation through Christ," with most of the speakers repeating and amplifying the topic again and again.

The 8,556 registered Baptist delegates from 76 countries, though voicing their unity repeatedly in sermons and the resolutions, frequently displayed their differences.

For the first time in the 65 year history of the Baptist World Alliance (BWA), the presidential nominee suggested by the nominating committee

of the 31-million member organization was contested from the floor.

But the delegates, in a sparsely-attended business session, elected the committee's nominee, V. Carney Hargroves, 70, pastor of Second Baptist Church, Germantown, (Philadelphia), Pa., as president, 841 to 638.

Hargroves at former president of the American Baptist Convention, won over Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, and a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

While the 15,000 seat Budokan Hall, built for the Olympic judo matches, was filled with as many as 10,000 persons on the opening and closing nights, many of the delegates and guests went sightseeing in Tokyo, Osaka, Nikko, Hakone and other scenic Japanese spots during the daytime sessions.

The congress opened with a keynote address by Theodore F. Adams, retired minister from Richmond, Va., who issued a plea for Christians to unite in breaking down the barriers of racial prejudice, social customs, and political differences that divide na-

tions and individuals by applying the reconciling gospel to life.

While the former BWA president spoke, about 30 Japanese youth passed out copies of a resolution critical of the Baptist World Alliance meeting in Tokyo. It decried the renewal of the U.S.-Japanese Security Treaty. A later leaflet opposed Billy Graham's presence on the program because of Graham's close ties with U.S. President Richard M. Nixon.

No real demonstrations occurred,

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Senate Passes

Family Planning Program

WASHINGTON (BP) — The U. S. Senate passed a bill providing for extensive development of family planning programs and services, especially for all American women who cannot afford them.

This action is in harmony with a Southern Baptist Convention resolution approved in 1967. The Convention commended "the judicious use of medically approved methods of planned parenthood and the dissemination of planned parenthood information."

The bill now goes to the House of Representatives where its advocates hope that hearings will begin soon and that action will be taken before the year is out.

Although the bill was sponsored by Sen. Joseph Tydings (D. Md.), it was co-sponsored by a bi-partisan group of 30 other senators. During the discussion on the Senate floor it was

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Indiana Urges Recall Of Representative To The Vatican

INDIANAPOLIS (BP) — Indiana Baptists' executive board voted here to recommend a record budget for 1971 and to send a letter to President Richard M. Nixon, urging him to reconsider his appointment of Henry Cabot Lodge as personal representative to the Vatican.

The appointment "established an official relationship between the gov-

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Revival Sweeps Byhalia Church And Community

On Sunday, July 5, Dr. James Travis of Blue Mountain College began preaching a revival at Byhalia Baptist Church. The twice daily services were enjoyed all week, but there was very little response.

On Friday night two men from Asbury College in Wilmore, Ky. were present for the services as they had been asked to come spend the weekend telling about the tremendous revival that began at Asbury College last February.

Their calm and solid testimonies were deeply spiritual reports of God's moving all over America, but again there was little response among the congregation.

On Sunday night, July 12, Dr. Travis was gone, and the pastor, Rev. Bill Moseley, brought the message. Again, no response during the invitation, so opportunity was given for the members to express themselves about the meeting and two or three spoke in a general way.

Suddenly a housewife stood and began to speak under deep conviction.

She spoke of the great need for church members, deacons, and church leaders to confess their sins and to seek God's presence.

She then made a most unusual request in that she asked the pastor to have another invitation so she could come and pray at the front.

The organist began playing but the people did not stand nor sing. The housewife started forward and urged others to join her. Suddenly in a dramatic and spontaneous way, God used this quiet housewife to begin a movement that is completely of God, according to the pastor. For over two hours the organist played and people came forward to kneel and pray. The pastor dealt with many as he sat in the front of the church.

Finally around 11 p. m. everyone had left the church building and the young people went over to the coffeehouse next to the church that had been opened the previous night by the church. There they sang, prayed,

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however. The most vocal opposition came while Graham was speaking. Youths sitting in the balcony began to clap and shout a Japanese word meaning "nonsense." Graham patiently waited for a moment and then went on with his address when the noise subsided.

A protest was also shouted out during the opening "Roll Call of Nations" when the Russian flag was carried on the stage along with those of the other nations represented. A former Rumanian Jew converted to the Lutheran Church, Richard Wurmbrandt of Burbank, Calif., shouted, "The blood of Christians is on that flag" as the Russian Baptist representative walked off the stage. Later, police quietly removed Wurmbrandt, who was not a delegate or a Baptist.

The Roll Call of Nations, one of the most colorful ceremonies of the congress, combined with dramatic presentations on Baptist work in each continent, music from the Tokyo Symphony Orchestra and numerous international musical groups to add inspiration and drama to the congress.

Issues were discussed mostly in morning panel presentations, evening addresses and in the resolutions, manifesto and message to the churches.

On the subject of peace, the congress urged world statesmen to intensify efforts to find world peace by strengthening the United Nations and making it representative of all peoples.

The peace resolution adopted by the delegates declared: "We cry out against the continued tragedy of the conflicts in Indochina and the Middle East and urge that the killing be stopped."

In two of the strongest speeches during the congress, United Nations General Assembly President Angie Brooks-Randolph of Liberia and former Minnesota Governor Harold Stassen, now an attorney in Philadelphia, Pa., called for strengthening the United Nations as a means of reaching world peace.

Stassen, a several-time candidate for the U.S. Presidential nomination in the Republican Party and one of the original signers and drafters of the U.N. Charter, told the congress he believed the charter should be rewritten to include both Chinese governments, both German governments, both Korean governments, and both Vietnamese governments.

The Liberian United Nations official, Mrs. Brooks-Randolph (nee Angie Brooks), said that while the world's masses want justice and peace, world government leaders show by inaction they really don't want this. She said the church, by its silence, is failing to prod government leaders to obtain peace.

If the church does not speak out on the issues of peace, poverty, war, human environment and others, the church might ultimately find it is not able to be a positive influence in the world, she said.

Gerhard Class Speaks

Another major speaker, German Baptist executive, Gerhard Class, said he felt sure that the Baptists from each of the 78 countries represented were convinced that each country really does desire world peace, and yet all efforts to obtain world peace have failed.

Class said the task of Christians is to take the initiative in reconciling mankind as the major step toward world peace.

On the related subject of race relations, a Black pastor from Second Baptist Church in Los Angeles, Calif., Thomas J. Kilgore, hit hard at racism in the church and in America, saying the North American church is the worst offender in racial injustice.

"The churches have more to repent of than anyone else," said Kilgore, immediate past president of the American Baptist Convention. "They have failed to fulfill their role."

Another Negro Baptist pastor from America, John W. Williams of Kansas City, Mo., said in the congress sermon that Christians cannot permit, without protest, a divided world that pits brother against brother because Christianity proclaims that "every homicide is a fratricide and every war a civil war."

In another major address, David S. Russell of London, England, said the issues of race and world poverty are "ugly-headed monsters which strike deadly blows at decency and dignity and must be resisted and slain in the name of God who came to destroy the dividing walls between man and man."

Russell, general secretary of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland said that the church must be interracial at all levels and must eliminate "social hatred and prejudice and bigotry of all kinds."

A resolution on reconciliation and racial discrimination called racism a "repudiation of the teachings of Jesus Christ." It also lamented the presence of racism in "our own places of wor-

ship and in some of our respective communities and nations."

The resolution pledged efforts toward "the total elimination of every vestige of racism" in the church and said, "We repent of the sins of racism."

A black Baptist minister from the States, William Lawson of Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church, Houston, spoke on the program instead of Mrs. Coretta Scott King, widow of slain Civil Rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. Mrs. King had been scheduled to speak but had to cancel a few weeks before the meeting, Lawson said.

Lawson issued a plea for youth and the older generation to work together in changing the world "for God, for your neighbor, and for yourself." He declared that the older generation had relied too much on big business, big government and the military to change the world.

He said adults need the honesty and idealism of youth, but that youth need the experience, patience, and knowledge of unseen danger. "You need us (adults) as much as we need you," Lawson said to the youth.

He urged youth and adults to work together to draft a plan for changing the world for good and to teach Christians to love neighbors.

"How do you convince Southern Baptists, who practiced slavery a century ago, that the non-white world still finds them arrogant?" he asked.

Several speakers commented that the congress was dominated by Americans, and by Southern Baptists in particular. Of the 8,586 delegates, about 5,800 were from the United States and about 5,000 from the Southern Baptist Convention.

Russell of England said that too often Christians give the impression theirs is a western religion.

Dressed In Western Garb

"We have dressed it (Christianity) in western garb as exported it to other countries as if it were just another commodity we had manufactured and wanted to sell in another part of the world. May God forgive us for our stupidity and our self-assurance," he lamented.

U. Kyaw Than, general secretary of the East Asian Christian Conference in Bangkok, Thailand, said Christians should tackle the issues of peace, hunger, and reconciliation between nations and people.

"While two-thirds of the world is begging for bread, the wealth of the nation that could provide bread is spent on a space venture to bring back a rock from the moon," Than decried.

During a commission's report on religious liberty and human rights, an American seminary professor said that social action by the church is the only way to change systems which oppress people.

Said Culbert Rutenber, former president of the American Baptist Convention and professor at Covina, Calif.:

"It is an act of love to feed the hungry, but it is also an act of love to attack the roots of poverty. It is an act of love to bind the wounds of a soldier, but it is also an act of love to attack the roots of war."

A call for Baptist churches around the world to participate in a world evangelistic effort of reconciliation between 1973-75 was presented by Rubens Lopes of Sao Paulo, Brazil, president of the Brazilian Baptist Convention.

For the first time, a commission on Cooperative Christianity presented a report on Christian unity, discussing ways Baptists can relate closer with those of other denominations.

"We should spare no effort to restore unity in the church, but how to achieve this is one of the great issues of our day," said George Beasley - Murray of Spurgeon's College, London.

A resolution urging more participation and representation of youth in the Baptist World Alliance was adopted, calling for youth to be involved in the planning process for the organization and congress sessions every five years.

Graham concluded the congress with a sermon on youth, saying that adults are in danger both of ignoring youth and worshipping them.

"Youth as become an obsession with the older generation," Graham said. Graham said he has made a constant effort to understand and have dialogue with youth, and is convinced that young people lack purpose in life "because they have been robbed of moral values and religious faith."

He concluded with an evangelistic appeal for youth to respond to the Christian faith. An estimated 200 visitors and delegates responded to Graham's invitation to come forward and make some kind of decision for Christ.

Indiana Urges

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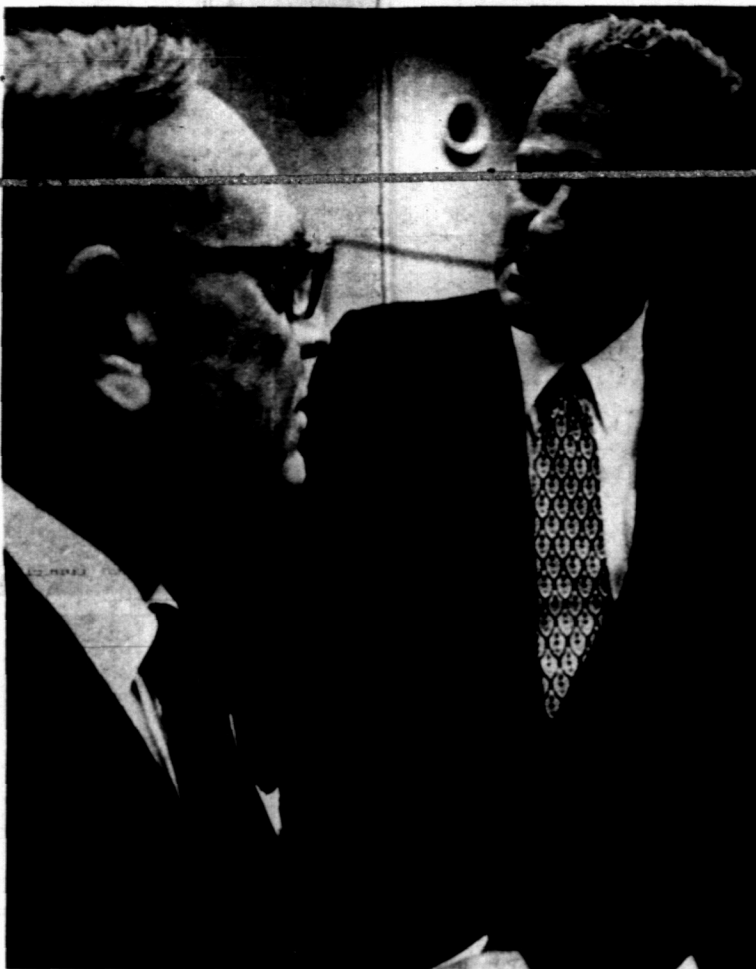
ernment of our nation and a religious organization which operates within our nation," the letter said.

The action came at the quarterly

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OFFICIAL POSTER used at Baptist World Alliance, Tokyo.



PRESIDENT V. CARNEY HARGROVES AND DR. BILLY GRAHAM confer at Baptist World Alliance in Tokyo.

BAPTIST VIEWpoll

Baptist Pastors, S. S. Teachers Oppose Schools Giving 'The Pill'

By Kenneth Hayes

NASHVILLE (BP) — Reacting to the report that some of the nation's biggest and best-known schools have adopted policies which permit dispensing of birth control pills or contraceptive devices to unmarried coeds through the schools' clinics or physicians, Baptist pastors and Sunday School teachers voiced strong disapproval in an opinion poll.

The Baptist VIEWpoll, which contacted a representative panel of Southern Baptist pastors and Sunday School teachers across the nation, disclosed that 78.8 per cent of the pastors and 75.5 per cent of the Sunday School teachers "definitely disapprove" of such policies.

Disapproval of the policies was further compounded in the VIEWpoll survey by 14.5 per cent of the pastors and 14.9 per cent of the Sunday School teachers who "tend to disapprove."

Only 2.0 per cent of the pastors and 1.8 per cent of the teachers "definitely approve" of the policies, and an additional 4.7 per cent of the pastors

meeting of the 30 - member board which transacts business between annual sessions of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana.

The board will recommend to the convention's annual session in Richmond, Ind., Nov. 11-13, a 1971 budget of \$803,340 — eight per cent above the 1970 budget.

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persons at the rally. Some of the young people arranged the dots in the shape of a cross on their clothing and some stuck them in the center of their foreheads.

The two - hour rally at the Washington monument began and ended with the group shouting cheers to Jesus. "Give me a 'J,'" a leader shouted in typical cheerleader style.

The group responded with a loud "J." "Give me an 'E' — give me an 'S' — give me a 'U' — give me another 'S' — what have you got?" And the crowd yelled back, "JESUS."

Another cheer popular with the mainly teenage crowd during the march was "Rah, Rah, Roo, Jesus loves you. Rah, Rah, Ree, Jesus loves me."

For the most part, those in the crowd seemed to be middle - class church - going young people who want some identification with a new spiritual movement. Many of them have adopted the language and clothes fashions of the hippie community while holding on to a fundamentalist faith.

One of the followers, a radiant 15-year-old junior in high school, said she and her father were recently "saved" in one of Blessitt's meetings, though both had been members of a Baptist church for some time.

Active in the young program in a church in West Palm Beach, Fla., she said her recent experience had changed her attitude toward people, "especially colored people."

"This is what America needs," she emphasized. "It is the only thing that can overcome the hate between the two races."

The young girl and her father, like a majority of those at the rally, had followed Blessitt to Washington just to participate in the prayer day observance.

At the rally in the hot midday sun, Blessitt told the eager young people that he was going to stay in Washington for 40 days to pray and fast for a spiritual revival.

Citing references of early disciples who "went into the wilderness to pray," Blessitt said there was "no bigger wilderness in the nation than Washington, D. C." He called the nation's capital "a jungle of bitterness, hate, deceit and chaos."

Noting that permission to pray on

the Monument grounds had not yet been granted, Blessitt told the crowd that he would prop his cross against a tree at the corner of Constitution Avenue and 15th Street near a telephone booth.

"Nobody could object to setting up the cross of Jesus Christ against a tree," he declared.

The young Baptist evangelist, who operates His Place, a Christian coffee house on Sunset Strip, urged his followers to go into the nation's capital and other cities and "feed the hungry... clothe those who are naked... and help find shelter for the homeless."

"Blitz the city," he urged. "Don't witness in hate and don't argue," he advised, "but share Jesus Christ in love."

Blessitt promised that he or someone from his staff would be on hand at the telephone booth on the mall 24 hours of the day to answer any calls for prayer and other requests. That telephone number, he said, is (202) 393-8893.

Senate Passes

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pointed out that the bill "will give substance to President Nixon's words" of last year. The President said:

"No American woman should be denied access to family planning assistance because of her economic condition."

Authorizing \$992,500,000 over a five-year period, the bill provides for "expanding, improving and better coordinating the family planning services and population research activities of the Federal Government."

The Senate recognized the religious problem some groups may have with such programs. It provided in each section that participation in the programs and services would be on a voluntary basis. Specifically, the Senate said:

"It is the policy of the Congress to foster the integrity of the family and the opportunity for each child; to guarantee the right of the family to freely determine the number and spacing of its children with dictates of its individual conscience; to extend family planning services, on a voluntary basis, to all who desire such services."

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and gave testimonies of what they had experienced.

On Monday night services started at 7:30 and no sermon was preached. Testimonies and singing took the first part of the service and then the invitation was given which lasted for over one and a half hours. This same pattern was followed on Tuesday night.

On Wednesday and Thursday nights a sermon was preached, but none on Friday. Each night people were saved, indifferent Christians were reclaimed, and faithful people received a holy boldness, according to the pastor.

The young people went to the coffeehouse each night and not one night during the week did the pastor get to bed before 1 a. m.

During the invitation the people would come and pray, share quietly with each other or talk with the pastor. Some would request a hymn to be sung and others would give testimonies even while people were praying at the front or talking with the pastor.

None of the services had a closing prayer as the people would stay each night as long as they desired.

The young people greatly desired to go to other churches and share this experience, the pastor related. "Two teams went out the first weekend to bring testimony of the holy movement. Those interested should call the pastor in Byhalia at 838-2250 to arrange for such a team to come to

their church. There are already 25 young people who wish to share in church services, youth meetings, revivals, retreats, or wherever an opportunity comes.

In thinking of this great awakening the pastor says, "One of the two men from Asbury told me not to be surprised if this was the most unusual weekend I would ever see. His prophetic words were dramatically brought to pass that Sunday night. They did not bring this movement of the Spirit, but for some unknown reason God has chosen to use Asbury students all over America in a tremendous way. This revival is of God and not built around me or any type of promotion."

"Our great desire is to share what God is doing. John 6:44 and John 12:32 have become very real to us. We are simply lifting up Christ through word and deed and letting God draw men. We are no longer worried about attendance, promotion or defending our church. We simply lift Christ up and stand in awe as we see him become a living reality to many people."

We pray this mighty unexpected outpouring will grow into a tremendous revival in our area. Our church had already baptized 27 people this year, but we have never experienced anything like this. My deep prayer is that God may continue to move here in a permanent way and that the Lord will enable us to share this with many groups through the sending forth of teams of witnesses."



Several young people are seen in the coffee house maintained by the Byhalia Church.

Abraham and Isaac On Mt. Moriah

By W. O. Vaught, Jr.
Pastor, Immanuel
Little Rock, Ark.

(Explanation — When the President of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference, Dr. Don Berry, asked me to preach a sermon for the program in Denver, I decided to preach on 2 Peter 1:14-21. I wrote the sermon, had it mimeographed ready for the Denver meeting. Then I picked up Volume 1 of the Broadman Bible Commentary and read the following sentences on pages 198 and 199 which comment upon the command God gave Abraham in Genesis 22 to take Isaac up to Mt. Moriah and offer him up as a sacrifice. Here are the sentences — "Did God make, would God in fact have made, such a demand upon Abraham or anybody else, except himself? There are those of course who would accept this command literally. Our answer however is no. Indeed what Christian or humane conscience could regard such a command as coming from God? How then did this conviction arise in the mind of Abraham, since we believe that God did not put it there?" When I read those sentences and the paragraphs which follow, where Dr. G. Henton Davies explained that he thought the sacrifice of Isaac arose out of the psychology of Abraham's life and mind, I discarded my previously prepared sermon, and decided to preach on Genesis 22. The following message was the result.)

Abraham and Isaac on Mt. Moriah. In Genesis 12:1 we read "Now the Lord had said unto Abram, get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee." The Lord had said this to Abram some time in the past, and Abram after some delay, obeyed. But he didn't obey completely, for he took a large company with him. But in verse 31 of Genesis 11 we read, "And the son of Haran his son's son, and Sarai his daughter in law..." The language makes us believe that Terah was running the show. So Abram came with his Father, Terah (which means delay) and Lot his Nephew (Which means self-seeking) and Sarai (Which means contentious) and came to Haran (Which means the dried-up place). Here Abram settled down and became a very wealthy man. Evidently Abram stayed in Haran a good many years for Genesis 12:4 states that Abram was 75 years old when he left Haran and entered Canaan. You can't live in the Canaan of God's obedience if you are in the Haran of God's disobedience. The death of Terah evidently shook Abram deeply and was the incident which caused him to remember God's command to enter Canaan. Thus Abram came into Canaan, built an altar, got back into fellowship with God and began to grow in faith.

A Detour Into Egypt
Soon famine came to Canaan, and out of fear and lack of faith, Abram and Sarai and Abram's servant went down into Egypt to get food. Sarai was a very beautiful woman, and Abram, over the fear that he might be killed and Sarai might be taken from him, passed Sarai off as his sister and not his wife. When the Pharaoh saw that Sarai was a very beautiful woman, he took her into his house and no doubt she would have become his wife. Pharaoh gave Abram many gifts of cattle and servants. But the Lord plagued Pharaoh's house because of Sarai, and soon the truth was discovered that Sarai was Abram's wife rather than his sister. Abram lost his opportunity to witness to Pharaoh and soon came out of Egypt. But they brought with them their newly acquired possessions, including a slave girl by the name of Hagar. When we go into Egypt because of fear and against the will of God, we always bring back with us Hagar who will haunt us in the future. This was true of Abram and Sarai.

A Costly Decision
In the course of time trouble came to Abram. Genesis 13:1 and 2 says, "And Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the south. And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold." Abram was an exceedingly wealthy man. Soon his servants were in a cattle war with Lot, and the decision of Abram to break with Lot and go his way into the mountains proved that in spite of past mistakes, Abram was growing in faith and trust in the Lord. Still no child had come to Abram and Sarai. As the story of Abram unfolds in Genesis 15, we find Abram's mind clouded with fear and doubt. God had promised him that he would be the father of many nations, yet they had as yet no offspring. In Genesis 15:2 we read, "And Abram said, Lord God, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus?" In the fifth verse of that chapter God replied, "And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, so shall thy seed be." Abram is now becoming the great man of faith for the very next verse says, "And he believed in the Lord: and he counted it to him for righteousness." The years went on by and still no

children were born to Sarai and Abram. Upon a day Sarai persuaded Abram to go in to Hagar, the slave girl from Egypt, so they might have an offspring in their house. This Abram did, and in the course of time Abram and Hagar had a son named Ishmael. Some years later, when Ishmael was growing up in their midst, and they had become attached to this boy, Abram would pray, "O that Ishmael might live before thee!" But such was not to be.

God had higher plans for Abram. Then the day came when Abram (The father of high and windy places) became Abraham (The father of many nations) and Sarai (Contentious) became Sarah (Princess). They were revived sexually and Abraham and Sarah had that long-promised son, and they named him Isaac (laughter). Abraham was a hundred years old and Sarah was ninety, when Isaac came to live in their midst. God had kept his word, and with little "Laughter" in their midst, they rejoiced.

There is a great principle here, and it is this: As long as you cling to Ishmael, you can't have Isaac. And when Isaac comes, Ishmael has to go. We read God's prophesy of Ishmael in Genesis 16:12 "And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren." But Isaac was the son of promise, and through him the nations would continue to grow in fulfillment of God's promise. **The Highest Test**

In the course of time God commanded Abraham to take Isaac to Mt. Moriah and offer him there on an altar as a burnt sacrifice. This story is beautifully told in Genesis 22, one of the most significant chapters in all the Word of God. Many years prior to this time, Abraham had delayed to come into Canaan, but Abraham has and to this costly command from God there was no delay. After receiving the command Abraham rose up early the next day and started on the long journey to carry out the command of God. Genesis 22:5 is one of the greatest chapters of faith in the Bible. I believe that Abraham had so grown in faith that he believed if he offered up Isaac as a burnt offering that God would raise him from the dead. In Genesis 22:5 we read, "And Abraham said unto his young men, abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you." The King James translation does not bring it out, but the Hebrew text says, "WE WILL COME AGAIN TO YOU." I believe Abraham thought that if he killed Isaac on that mountain that God would raise him up from the dead. I think the interpretation of this event in Hebrews 11:19 bears this out when it says, "Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure."

What really happened on that mountain?
I believe three things happened on Mt. Moriah that day when Abraham attempted to offer up his son in sacrifice to God. (Let us keep in mind that God was not "tempting" Abraham but the accurate word was "testing") Abraham, God knew what Abraham would do; in fact, millions of years before it happened, God knew what Abraham would do. God was not testing Abraham to find out what Abraham would do, but rather to let Abraham and the whole world know how a man of faith responds to a challenge from God.)

It seems to me that these three things happened on that mountain. I. "Are you willing to do for your God what others do for their gods?" Hyman sacrifice was common in Abraham's day. As he came from Ur to Canaan, he passed by Moab and Edom and no doubt he saw many sacrifice their children to heathen gods. God is asking Abraham, "Are you willing to do as much for me?" In other words, God was saying to Abraham, "Am I first in your life?" God was saying to Abraham, "Does my direct command supercede all other desires in your life?" II. "Are you willing for me to do for you what you cannot do for yourself?"

God was saying to Abraham, "You are offering up your son, as I have commanded. But the offering up of your son will not accomplish that which I have in mind. Abraham, I want to do something for you which can only be accomplished by the work of my hands. You see Abraham if you offer up Isaac the result will be a dead son. But on this very same mountain and on this very spot, My Son will be offered up and pay the full price for the sins of the whole world. So Abraham it is not what you can do here that is important, rather it is what I can do here that is most important."

As I see it, this is the issue that has been confronting man since the Garden of Eden. In the Garden of Eden Adam and Eve made aprons of fig leaves, made them with their own hands, to cover their own nakedness. God reminded them that they could not cover their nakedness with the work of their own hands. God reminded them that it was not what they could do but what he could do that was adequate. God told them to take off their hand-made fig leaf

aprons and let him clothe them with the work of his own hands. Then God killed the innocent animal and took their skins and clothed the guilty man. This, in essence, is the problem of Communism. The Communists say to the world that they do not need God. They say with the work of their own hands they will build a better world they will bring in a perfect society in the earth, without the help of God. But God stands in the shadows and watches over his own, knowing that man cannot do it with the work of his own hands. It takes the work of God. This is what we understand as the GRACE of God.

III. "Are you willing to cooperate with me and let me do with you that which I do not wish to do alone?"

God was saying to Abraham on that mountain, "You see Abraham, I could provide salvation by myself, without your help. But rather I have asked you to cooperate with me and help me do what I do not wish to do alone."

This is why God chose Abraham, and through him chose to produce a human family from which Jesus would be born. But that Son of Mary was not just human, he was also deity, he was the Son of God.

Indeed the sweetest things of our Christian faith are involved in those events that transpired on Mt. Moriah. And when Abraham turned to the bush on that mountain and saw the ram, it was a faint picture of coming attractions, for on that spot the Lamb of God would be offered for our redemption.

Let us sum it up this way — The Scripture in the Bible did not originate in the minds of men. God so directed the writing of scripture that without waiving their human intelligence, their individuality, their literary style, their personal feeling, or any other factor, his complete coherent message to man was recorded with perfect accuracy, the very words of the scripture bearing the authority of divine authorship.

Personnel Shortage Closes Mission Clinic

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permission to begin the clinic. By 1964, when he left Indonesia for a furlough in the States, he had purchased the land for the project.

However, a permit was never granted by the local government because opposition from the Muslim faction, which complained that the site was too close to one of their mosques. Another location had to be sought.

During Dr. Owen's furlough, Dr. Jones filled in for him, and by March 1965 she had received permission to begin the clinic operations. She turned the operation over to him when he returned.

Within a year and a half the clinic employed six persons and treated a daily average of 55 patients five days a week.

Part of the land acquisition problem involved a unique custom of a local ethnic group, the Menangkabau, which owns much of the land in the area.

Ownership is corporate, by tribes and families. Before sale of land is final, each individual involved must agree, no matter how far away he may be.

Stiff opposition from some of the Muslim population also stood in the way of the project. Some Muslims welcomed it, but the more conservative elements were suspicious. To some extent their distrust was exploited by Communists, Fryer said.

The personnel prognosis is almost as grim for the Kediri Baptist Hospital. Dr. Jones, in addition to performing surgery, must assume the entire responsibility for administering the 150-bed hospital and the out-patient clinic, supervising one resident and two interns and negotiating with the Indonesia government on plans for the work in Bukittinggi.

"We believe Southern Baptists will rise up to meet the need when they understand the situation," he said.

C. Stanley Lowell Challenges Report On Vatican Wealth

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In orders in the United States alone are known to have unreported but vast financial resources? Such information as we were able to gather indicated a \$90 million average in resources and assets for the 125 Catholic orders for men operating in this country alone. This would mean a total of \$11.2 billion for these orders. The 314 orders for women would add substantially to this figure. (See Praise the Lord for Tax Exemption by Martin A. Larson and C. Stanley Lowell, published by Robert B. Luce, Inc., Washington, D. C.) These assets are in religiously used real estate, also in stocks, bonds, and investment real estate, and in commercial business. Total wealth of this church in the United States alone exceeds \$80 billion.

"The Roman Catholic Church in the United States, like its Vatican counterpart, has never published an audit of its income and resources. American



THE BAMBOO SOUND: The Kabaria 1970 Choir, which toured eight Asian countries in connection with the 1970 Asia Baptist evangelistic campaigns, had as part of its program an angklung choir. An

angklung is an Indonesian bamboo instrument. The choir was also slated to perform at the Baptist World Congress in Tokyo.

Unique Indonesian Choir Ends Tour

By Susan S. Cahen

RICHMOND (BP) — An unusual choir, which uses Indonesian art forms as an avenue for Christian witness, has completed a tour encompassing the 1970 Asia Baptist Evangelistic Campaigns and the Baptist World Congress in Tokyo.

The KABARIA "70 choir, from Semarang, Indonesia, derives its name from an acronym in the Indonesian language relating to the words for "Good News" and the Asia Baptist Evangelistic Campaigns.

Sixteen Indonesian Baptist leaders make up the choir, along with a layman, Bagong Kusudirdjo, an internationally-known choreographer and creator of modern dance and art forms. Choir director is Southern Baptist Missionary William R. O'Brien.

The group's 1½-hour program during the tour consisted of Asian church songs and Christian dance interpretations based on Javanese-Balinese classic folk dance forms. The ensemble also includes handbell and angklung (Indonesian bamboo instrument) choirs.

An added feature at each concert

Mrs. P. H. Lowrey, BMC Faculty Member, Dies

Mrs. Perrin H. Lowrey, age 72, of the Blue Mountain College Business Education faculty, died Friday at the Tipton County Hospital after suffering a brain hemorrhage at 11:30 a.m. that morning.

She was the former Margaret McKinley, a native of Baltimore, Maryland. She joined the faculty of Blue Mountain College in 1945 and became the chairman of the Business Education Department, where she has served until her death.

Mrs. Lowrey was a graduate of Baltimore Business University and held a teacher's diploma from Gregg College of Northwestern University in Chicago, Illinois.

She was active in campus organizations, civic clubs, and Lowrey Memorial Baptist Church of which she was a member.

Survivors include her husband, Perrin H. Lowrey, of Blue Mountain, a grandson of the founder of Blue Mountain College and only brother of the late Dr. Lawrence J. Lowrey, for 35 years President of Blue Mountain College. Mr. Perrin H. Lowrey is a former member of the BMC English faculty.

Other survivors include one son, Lawrence M. Lowrey of Blue Mountain, one step-daughter, Mrs. Thomas R. Ford of Lexington, Ky. and eight grandchildren.

Services were held Sunday, July 26 at 2 p. m. in the McBride Funeral Home Chapel in Ripley and interment was in the Blue Mountain Cemetery. Officiating at the services was the Rev. Alvin G. Hall, pastor of Lowrey Memorial Baptist Church.

Catholic laymen do not even know how much of their money is sent overseas annually to the Vatican. Such a report would obviously be the way to settle the question as to the wealth of the Roman Catholic Church. In the meantime, lame and confusing denials will not help very much.

"Perhaps in his search for information at the Vatican, Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge could obtain factual data on this matter."

was a small exhibit of Christian themes in oil paintings by Bagong, who became a Christian as a result of his contact with O'Brien and the choir.

"The appeal and strength of this group comes from its 'Asian-ness,' as Asians share the Good News of Jesus with fellow Asians through various art forms, O'Brien said.

"The music portrays the universality of God's love, as the listeners hear both the Oriental and the Occidental characteristic sounds," he added.

O'Brien first approached Bagong with the idea of using Indonesian art forms as a means of Christian witnessing. He asked the artist to choreograph the parable of the sower and the seed.

Bagong said he accepted the task because "the older I get the more I realize the importance of having

something on which to hold. Through the creation of that first dance story I began to realize that Jesus was Savior," he said.

Bagong has toured Asia, Europe and the United States with his own creation since 1953. He directed all stage productions for Indonesia at the World's Fair in New York.

By the time he had finished choreographing his first Christian drama, plans for two more were on the drawing board.

Soon he offered his home as a meeting place for the first Sunday he and his wife and oldest child made professions of faith in Christ.

Besides the parable of the sower and the seed, Bagong has also choreographed "The Wise and Foolish Virgins," the story of Mary Magdalene and the life of Christ, which required 250 dancers.

Bandits Shoot Up Locals; Missionaries Fly In Help

Seven persons, who had been shot by bandits were brought to two Southern Baptist missionaries in a remote part of Ethiopia. One of the missionaries, a medical doctor, did what he could for the victims, but four died in a couple of days.

Dr. Sam Cannata Jr. and his colleague, Ray Lindholm, had traveled two days, with mules, to reach the village of Maranya in the Ethiopian highlands. Months earlier, Dr. Cannata had flown there in a helicopter to select a site for an airstrip.

He and Lindholm had previously arranged to be picked up in a plane on the day they arrived with the mules. However, they discovered that the ground had cracked so badly during the dry season that the pilot would be unable to land the plane, and they used rocks to spell out a warning to him.

The pilot dropped a note to them that he would be back three days later. In the meantime, 500 people with hoes worked half a day to smooth out the airstrip.

On the day after the missionaries arrived the seven gunshot victims

were brought to Maranya. They had been shot by bandits down in a gorge.

When the plane arrived, the doctor flew back to his headquarters to get antibiotics for flesh wounds and plaster of Paris for a fractured femur. He returned to treat the three remaining patients, all of whom soon recovered.

The plane makes it possible for Dr. Cannata to hold clinics in Maranya frequently. He reaches other remote villages by car.



Mullins Award Presented

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary President Duke K. McCall (right) presents the E. Y. Mullins Award to E. Hermond Westmoreland (middle), pastor of South Main Baptist Church in Houston, Texas, for over 32 years. The award honors men and women the seminary trustees consider to be outstanding leaders in Southern Baptist work.

Coupons Needed To Buy Bus For Mission In North Dakota

The week before the S. B. C. met in Denver some ministers from Mississippi assisted some churches in North Dakota with their Sunday school work. They were able to witness the troubles and opportunities which face the members of those small churches.

One of the opportunities that came to their attention was the need for a bus near the Grand Forks Air Force Base to provide transportation for service men and their families to the church.

Betty Crocker Coupons will put a new bus in service with the Southern Baptist Mission to the Military at the Grand Forks Air Force Base.

The bus is much needed due to

the isolated location of the base. Many Christian activities which would be impossible without the bus will become a reality when the bus arrives. The over three thousand youth on the base are in desperate need of this Christian activity and ministry.

You can help. Send your Betty Crocker Coupons to A Southern Baptist Mission to the Military, P. O. Box 37, Emerado, N. D. 58228. Two Million coupons are needed so please help get the bus as soon as possible.

This is a way many people can help. First Church, Vicksburg, members have already raised approximately 1000 of the coupons, reports John Prothro, minister of education.

The Power Of The Gospel

One of the marvels of Christian history is the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Paul said, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

The gospel was the power of God unto salvation in those New Testament days, when lives were changed, homes made new, and even "the world turned upside down" simply through the preaching of the gospel.

It has been the power of God unto salvation through the ages as millions upon millions in every nation and clime have come to God through the preaching of the gospel of Christ.

It is still happening today. Every day multitudes of people around the earth are finding new life in Christ, as they hear this glorious gospel of God's provision for our salvation.

We saw this power of God manifest through the preaching of the gospel in the Philippines as people, young and old, came to know the Saviour.

Others participating in the South Pacific Crusade reported seeing this power in many lands. First reports from the Philippines indicated that more than 2,000 persons professed faith in our

Lord in the about one half of the participating churches which had reported.

A leader told me of great experiences in Korea, where mighty revival experience apparently came in many churches.

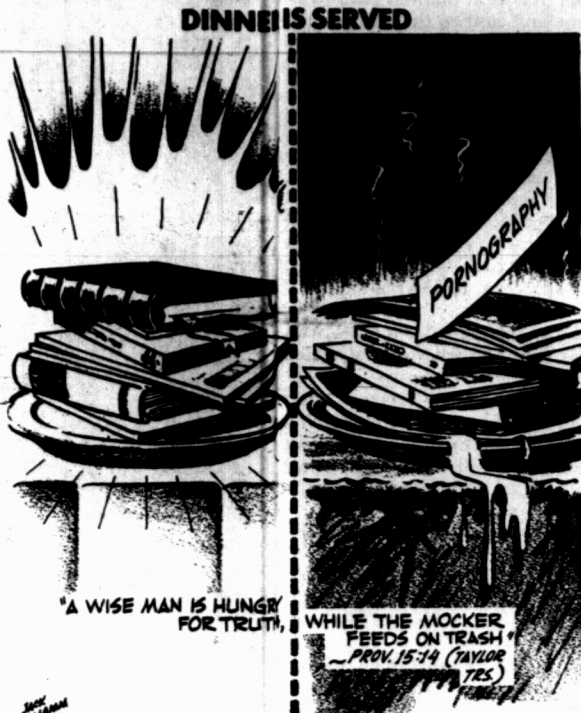
This same power was seen at the closing service of the Baptist World Alliance in the Budokan in Tokyo, when hundreds of young people and adults came forward to accept Christ as Saviour, upon the invitation of Dr. Billy Graham, after his message to the Congress.

The world's greatest need still is to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ. This more than anything that Christians can do, will help solve world problems.

If every person who already has heard the gospel and felt its power in his own life, simply would allow God to make him a powerful witness of that gospel to others, we could tell all of earth's millions the good news of Christ in one generation.

There is no other way to change the world!

Is it not time that all of us should begin to pray earnestly that the proclamation of the gospel will become the compelling passion and major purpose of every believer and every church? Here is the power to solve world problems now!



THE BAPTIST FORUM

Defends Baptist Seminary And College Teachers

Dear Dr. Odle:

In recent years many comments in annual sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention have thrown suspicion on teachers — as if they are not really Southern Baptists. Some critics of teachers have made the points on the convention floor that they used to belong to some other religious group but are now Southern Baptists and that they want to uphold our historic position.

Most teachers in Southern Baptist seminaries — and colleges — are products of Southern Baptist churches, colleges, and seminaries. Few come from outside the convention.

It is somewhat disheartening to teachers to hear themselves criticized en masse in such way as to raise questions about their faith in Christ, their orthodoxy, their commitment to evangelism, their loyalty to Southern Baptist work and their contact with churches and "grass-roots" Baptists — as if they live in ivory towers out of touch with Southern Baptists' mainstream.

My experience will illustrate how close to Southern Baptist life most seminary professors are.

Born in a sharecropper's home, I attended a quarter-time rural church, came under evangelistic preaching in brush arbor revivals, and moved to a small town where I was instructed, converted, baptized, called to the ministry, and ordained in the local church. As a youth I regularly scored 100% on the Sunday School's six-point record and on BYPU's (now TU's), eight-point record. I began teaching as a teenager and became a Sunday School teacher at age 19.

After almost four years in the Marine Corps, I attended a Baptist university, took an active part in the Baptist Student Union, and spoke in youth revivals. I then attended a Southern Baptist seminary and learned, I trust, from eminent teachers, some of whose careers went back beyond World War I.

As a teacher in two Southern Baptist seminaries, I have signed two historic Baptist statements of faith — a statement prepared for and signed by every professor who has served on the faculty of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary since 1859, and the Southern Baptist statement of 1925.

As student and interim pastor, I have served in rural churches, small town churches, college churches, blue collar churches, white collar churches, and, more recently, multi-colored collar churches — representing Southern Baptists' wide diversity.

Most seminary professors have a similar background — but, of course, not an identical one. They are products of Southern Baptist life.

Hugh Wamble, Professor
Midwestern Seminary
Kansas City, Mo.

Withdraws Support From Christian Life Commission

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins
Executive Secretary
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board
Jackson, Mississippi
Dear Dr. Hudgins:

At the regular monthly business meeting on June 17, 1970, after prayerful consideration, Antioch Church, Lowndes Association, gave unanimous approval to withdraw support from the Christian Life Commission through the Cooperative Program. This decision, made after careful stu-

dy and deep regret of the past record of the Commission, will be in effect until the Commission returns to Biblical Standards and teachings. Only then can we reconsider our decision.

It is the opinion of this congregation that all departments and commissions of our Convention should strive to hold to Baptist standards as they were founded — on the Scriptures. As Christians and Southern Baptist, we have looked to our denominational organizations for assistance in teaching our young people. We do not consider the recent Seminar at Atlanta a good example. Not only was it a waste of money, but it was an embarrassment and a disappointment to us as Baptists.

It is our belief, that our commission as a church is still the same as it was when given by our Lord almost two thousand years ago. Listening to the opinions and corrupt morals of people from "Playboy" and others of that character is hardly carrying out that commission. Nor was it necessary to hear them, for as Christians, we are aware, already, of their philosophies.

It is understood by the church that the monetary value of our support will not be missed by the Christian Life Commission. However, by this decision we will have satisfied our God-given conviction, and we will have set the example for other churches as they plan and adopt their budgets for the coming years.

It is also the prayer of this church that our denominational leaders realize the responsibility that is theirs in the positions in which they serve; that together we all might glorify Christ and draw our people into a closer walk with Him.

This decision is duly recorded in the minutes of this church and is hereby affixed by the signature of the church clerk.

Mrs. John H. Redwine, clerk Banks W. Hardy, pastor.

Missionary Enjoyed Stay At Garaywa

Dear fellow Mississippians, and especially the 541 GAs and their counselors I met at Camp Garaywa, Clinton, June 22-July 11:

Thank you for allowing me to serve as camp missionary at Camp Garaywa. It was great. And I appreciate the Mississippi churches that used me on Wednesdays and a Sunday evening (Second Avenue, Laurel, Fellowship of Bellefontaine, Grandview, and Woodville Heights of Jackson). Next to doing mission work, telling about it is most enjoyable.

Kaye Johnson, camp director, and her staff are a real credit to the work in Mississippi. They are so efficient, which brought about a most rewarding camping experience for me. They all were so cooperative with us in our mission presentation.

I don't like to be partial, but my little game of rewarding each week the GA who first introduces herself to me surely was pleasant. Robin Husbands of Natchez, Shirley Woodcock of Gulfport, and Barbara Smith of Oxford each receives an Indian Stone bracelet.

Then several other friends of bygone years befriended us, which made our three weeks in Mississippi all the more pleasant (Wm. Beams of Jackson, the Hollingsworths of Terry, the Wilsons of Bellefontaine, the Goodrums of Clinton, etc.).

Thank you all, of Mississippi, for a most pleasant sojourn in your beautiful state. Camp Dorroh even used me. Remember us when you pray.

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A Woman's World Reaches Far

Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

Sometimes I Feel Like A Closet

At our house everyone has his own closet. Luxurious arrangement, wouldn't you say? No member of the family is allowed to encroach upon the privacy of other closets. I tried. But James said there was no way — considering the absolute uncomplication of drying his ten hairs — to justify the one square foot my hair-dryer sat upon in his closet. He had to nag me a little (six months isn't long), but I moved it out.

The closets are odd-shaped, probably the oddest-shaped collection of closets to be found in our town. But they function as closets do. Not as closets should, but as closets do.

Conglomerate and pack-rattish in appearance, each closet serves as a receptacle for anything which cannot be stuck beneath something else, pushed behind something else, or stuffed into something else when I deliver the ultimatum, "This messy way of life will end today. Clean up your rooms!" I think they all finished the Phyllis Diller School of Housekeeping Magna Cum Menest.

With a private closet for each of the four men in the house you would think my closet would be filled with sugar and spice and everything nice, wouldn't you? Guess what blocks my reach of the rack on which I hang my clothes at least once a week? Whoops, that was a misplaced modifier (and too true for comfort). Let me try again.

Guess what blocks my reach, at least once a week, of the rack on which I hang my clothes? Guns, ri-

fles, 410's, 220's. Guess what makes the rattling sound on the floor of the closet if I'm not very careful when I get a purse or pair of shoes off my closet shelf? Shells, red and green and tan shot-gun and rifle shells falling off my shelf.

I never go hunting. I never target practice. In fact, I never shoot the guns. That is not to say that I am not tempted. I know the reason whoever was in charge of setting up the original gun racks put at the head of the list, "Never keep a loaded gun in the house." He knew that by the time a mother took time to load a gun she would get the upper hand of the temptation to shoot her teenager.

Closets are great in theory, but impossible in practice.

Sometimes I feel like a closet. Like a rack loaded with clothes which need mending or freshening. Like shelves cluttered with unimportant things that ought to be thrown away. Like a floor scattered with a bunch of junk that nobody has use for. Like a space filled with laziness, uselessness, and trivia. I feel like a closet because I close the door to hide the mess of me and give an outward appearance of industry, usefulness, and importance.

But when I'm honest with myself and with God I know that if I feel like a closet, I must feel like a closet that has been through spring house-cleaning. Because God sees me all straight and in order behind the Door called Christ.

NEWEST BOOKS

ADVANCE: A HISTORY OF SOUTHERN BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONS by Baker J. Caution and Others (Broadman Press, 329 pp., \$4.95).

An authentic history of the Foreign Mission Board, this book begins with a summary of the Board itself and then traces the development of Southern Baptist work in each major world area. Seven men of the Board's administrative staff have written the book. They are Jesse Fletcher, Eugene Hill, Winston Crawley, Cornell Goerner, J. D. Hughey, Frank Means, and Baker J. Caution. The volume is a complete and up-to-date account of institutions, personnel, and trends in Southern Baptist foreign missionary enterprise.

THE ASSOCIATION AND CHURCH TRAINING by Norman E. Hodges (Convention Press, paperback, 156 pp., \$1).

Interprets the role of the association in church training. In the subject area, Training Program, in the Christian Leadership Course of the New Church Study Course.

CHILDREN AND CONVERSION edited by Clifford Ingle (Broadman, \$4.50, 160 pp.).

Here is thorough guidance for deciding when and how to lead children to Christian decisions. This is a serious examination of biblical, theological and practical considerations related to why, how, and when church leaders should seek to lead children to make Christian decisions. It represents the view that many leaders are now acting superficially in leading children to make professions of faith prior to genuine Christian commitments. The editor has attempted to utilize to the fullest the broad background and insights of all seven contributors. He states, "As far as can be ascertained, this is the first work of its kind to be produced by Baptists."

THE WOMAN AT THE WELL by Dale Evans Rogers (Fleming H. Revell, \$4.95, 191 pp.).

The story of a modern woman at the well. Here, in one volume is the life story and testimony of Dale Evans Rogers, lovely star of westerns, television and personal appearances. Many never-before-told experiences; tragedies turned into victories — two marriage failures and the death of three beloved children: working with Roy Rogers, becoming his life partner; coming to know, love, and trust God — and telling others of her faith.

REPAID A HUNDREDFOLD by Charles A. Leonard, Sr. (Wm. B. Eerdmans, 363 pp., \$4.95).

Nearly sixty years after he and his wife set sail as pioneer missionaries to China, Charles Leonard affirms the truth of the scriptural promise in Matthew 19:29, "My wife and I have been fully paid," he tells in the Preface to this autobiographical account of his two decades in foreign mission fields. "We would be happy to do it all over again." This book includes many of the author's own photographs, and captures not only the scope and excitement and challenge of the missionary's life, but above all its re-

ward. Dr. and Mrs. Leonard, now retired and living in Naples, Florida, had an outstanding missionary career in China, Manchuria, and Hawaii.

JOURNEYMAN MISSIONARY by Jesse C. Fletcher (Broadman Press, paperback, 128 pp.).

Story of the journeyman program of the Foreign Mission Board, S.B.C. Journeyman are single young college graduates recruited for two years of service alongside Baptist missionaries. In this inspirational book, Dr. Fletcher follows a fictional journeyman to Rhodesia.

SYNONYMS - ANTONYMS: QUOTATION DICTIONARY; ENGLISH HANDBOOK: SPELLING DICTIONARY (Career Institute, Inc. 555 E. Lange St., Mundelein, Ill. 60060, 320 pp. ea., hard cover, cloth bound, pocket size, 4 x 6 inches, single copies: regular edition \$2.25, deluxe edition, \$2.95).

Here is instant help for busy people who want to speak and write better! This set of four small books makes up a little reference library for handy use at office, home, or school. The books will be of valuable help in checking spelling, punctuation, and English usage; replacing worn-out clichés with fresh new words, phrases, and ideas; and adding new power and clarity to everything one says or writes.

FOR GOD'S SAKE, BE HUMAN by John Killinger (Word Books, \$3.95, 153 pp.).

This is a warmly and sensitively written personal account of the religious experience that "makes sense." For many, it will provide a bridge between the "old-time religion" and their own modern sensibilities.

LIVING NEW TESTAMENT (Tyndale House Publishers).

This volume incorporates the paraphrased books of The New Testament published earlier in separate volumes: Living Gospels, Living Letters, and Living Prophecies. It is exquisitely bound, the full-color cover carrying an illustration of Jesus walking with children. This Testament would make a lovely gift for a child. The phrasing of the Book, too, is in the language of today.

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A Reservoir Of Christian Witness

More than thirty years ago, Wendell Willkie, who was at that time running for president of the United States, said that as he traveled around the world, he found "a reservoir of good will toward our nation" built by Christian missionaries everywhere.

I am not sure about the reservoir of good will, but after traveling in numerous countries, seeing Southern Baptist work in those lands, and talking to many of the missionaries, I am convinced that the Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board has built a great reservoir of Christian witness in lands around the world, and the witness grows every day.

In a recent trip to the Orient, I saw the Baptist headquarters, the student center, the seminary, and many of the churches in the Philippines.

Visits included the Baptist hospital, the college, the seminary and some of the churches in Hong Kong.

A missions tour took us by the seminary, the radio and television building and some of the churches in Taiwan.

In Japan we saw the Baptist building and some of the churches, and learned of the hospital and other ministries there.

Best of all we had fellowship with many of the missionaries. Their training, their ability, their dedication, and the effectiveness of their witness, stirred our souls within us.

God is calling some of our very finest men and women to the mission fields, and the Foreign Mission Board is doing an outstanding job in carrying out the commission of our Lord, and the responsibilities given it by Southern Baptists, in sending and supporting those missionaries and their work in fields in more than 70 countries.

There is a mighty reservoir of Baptist work, and a glorious outreach wherever our mission work has been established.

Of course, the work is not completed; it is just begun. As the world population explodes, the responsibility for Christian witness rapidly enlarges.

Southern Baptists should support their missionary force, with their prayers, their love, their gifts, and their finest youth, that the advance may continue.

10,000 Taxis And Camera

Imagine a city of almost 12,000,000 people, the largest in the world, with what must be at least 10,000 taxi cabs, and a little camera lost in one of them.

The camera was left accidentally in one of those cabs.

That is what happened to your editor in Tokyo.

By the time that I realized that my camera was missing from its place around my shoulder, the taxi was long gone. I did not even remember its color. (There are so many of them, and they race through the streets so fast, dodging in and out of the unbelievably heavy traffic, that one is just glad to get out when his destination is reached.) The cab was gone, and I considered that the camera was gone, too.

However, I was not too upset since I had had the good sense to insure the camera before leaving home, in case of just such an eventuality.

The only identification in the camera was my name and address in Mississippi. There was nothing to indicate where I was staying among the 12 million people in Tokyo. I saw no possible way that it could be found, or that the taxi driver would find me.

I failed to reckon with the Japanese. I had been told of their honesty and their hospitality, but I didn't see how it could solve this.

Late that afternoon, however, in my hotel room, the telephone rang and a woman's friendly voice said, in English with a Japanese accent, "This is Hankyu. (A large tourist agency, which

had handled all local hotel arrangements for those attending the Baptist World Alliance.) "You left your camera in a taxi. We have it, and shall bring it to you at the hotel tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock."

I do not know how the camera got from the taxi to Hankyu. Perhaps the driver remembered that we had gotten out at the hall where the congress was meeting, and somehow knew that Hankyu was handling arrangements for Alliance visitors. They had searched through their records to find where Joe Odle of Mississippi had been placed in a hotel. Then followed the call, and that was it.

At 2 o'clock the next afternoon the camera was brought to the hotel by a friendly couple, a young man and young woman. I offered a reward or a tip, and they refused it. I asked them to at least take something for the taxi driver, but they were adamant. I could not pay them anything. What they had done was just part of the courtesy of the Japanese people, and they would have no pay for it.

I wonder what might have happened if the camera had been left in a taxi in a large city in the USA, say New York or Chicago, or even Jackson. I am not sure, but more than likely I would not have seen it again.

In Tokyo, however, it came back, and the experience left me with another pleasant memory of a beautiful country, and of friendly, gracious people. I shall remember them always.

Jot Captures The Hearts Of Southern Baptists

FT. WORTH, Tex. — A living dot has won the hearts of Southern Baptists and young television viewers in many parts of the country. He's JOT, star of the Radio and Television Commission's 4 1/2 minute, animated color cartoon series.

The first JOT series of 13 episodes has brought down an avalanche of mail on Commission headquarters in Fort Worth — and now there are four additional episodes, for a total of 17. The weekly letter count for JOT tops 2,000. Most of the response is from children requesting the "surprise" JOT offers at the end of each program. But much of it is from minis-

ters, parents and other adults praising JOT as a clever and effective approach to child evangelism — or just as a "good influence" on TV-watching children.

JOT, which has been on 40 stations continuously for the last two years, is now being expanded to 100 stations. Because of high demand for the cartoon, the Radio-TV Commission has speeded up its schedule for completion of the second series of 13 episodes.

WTOK-TV in Meridian, Mississippi telecasts JOT every Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

Mississippi Ranks High In Sunday School Recognitions

NASHVILLE — Mississippi Southern Baptist churches placed fifth in total number of Sunday School achievement guide recognitions during the first nine months of the 1969-70 year with 370 classes, departments and Sunday Schools earning recognition.

Throughout the Southern Baptist Convention, 5,375 such recognitions were made, according to A. V. Washburn, secretary of the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

"Merit Achievement," the first level of recognition, was earned by 2,676 classes, 1,572 departments and 268 Sunday Schools; "Advanced Achievement," the second level, was reached by 388 classes, 285 departments and 7 schools; the highest achievement, "Distinguished," was gained by

104 classes, 74 departments and one Sunday School, that of First Baptist Church, Dover, Fla.

Oklahoma led all states with 1,126 total recognitions. Florida was second with 788, followed by Tennessee, 477; Texas, 445; Mississippi, 370; and Arkansas, 351.

The Sunday School Achievement Guide, successor to the Standard of Excellence, is produced by the Sunday School department to aid Sunday School leaders in planning and evaluating their work. Both general and age-group guides are printed with suggested aids to achievement in the annual Sunday School plan books sold at Baptist Book Stores. The guides are available without aids in leaflets, free from state Sunday School secretaries.

No Limit As To Amount Of Retirement Income In SBC Plan

By W. R. Roberts
Annuitant Secretary-Mississippi
You don't drive a 1960 car!
You don't live on a 1960 salary!
You can't live on a 1960 retirement income!

Consider the minister who, in 1960, started building for retirement on a \$4,000 salary. Today, he makes \$8,000, yet he is still building on the same 1960 salary. When he retires in 25 years, he retirement income will be only \$3,216 per year.

That's the 1960 model retirement. But in 1970 this same minister increased his payment to 10% of his total salary. His new retirement income potential is \$5,858 per year. That's the 1970 model retirement!

And, that will grow, too. Should this same pastor, as he gets increases in salary in the future, periodically up-

grade his retirement to 10% of his total new salary, his retirement income in 1995 will be even greater.

Social Security has long ago faced up to the reality that the schedule of benefits used ten years ago is no longer adequate. Congress has been escalating the schedule of benefits year by year, and the end is not in sight.

Our churches and pastors as well as our church employees must face up to the same reality. The only answer to our economic dilemma is to upgrade our deposits with the Annuitant Board to at least 10% of total salary — not just 10% of a salary ceiling of \$4,000.00.

Industry across this country puts about 29% of compensation in employee benefits. Surely our churches will want to put at least 1/4 as much in benefits as industry is doing.

What Price Technology?

By Ione Gray
OVER THE PACIFIC — No one asks your name. Or that reassuring question, "Where are you destined?" Somewhere a computer already has that information carefully and efficiently tucked away in its indifferent, mechanical brain.

There are no substitutions. If you don't drink the rosy pink guava juice passed as soon as you get seat-belted there's no time for cold water, or Coke, or tea. The neat, trim hostesses must finish with the initial refresh-

ment so they can in turn take up the glasses, give you a hot towel, serve drinks and food, pass the coffee, and pick up the trays. Then you can relax for a wide-screen movie in this theater in the sky.

No one sees — or asks if you need help — when you suddenly cover your eyes with your hands to shade a poignant memory.

This Boeing 747, the world's largest jetliner, cruises smoothly at 625 miles per hour. You can stand up (even in economy) without bumping your head. And there's room for your feet.

A sneak and truant adventure into first class reveals a spiral staircase leading to a penthouse lounge. And feet and feet of passenger space.

This round-the-world flight welcomes you to "The Spacious Age" and invites your eyes and legs to wander. And your imagination.

Your souvenir magazine says you'll find "a new sense of freedom in flight."

I also find a new sense of fright that when this 231-foot-long, 20-foot-wide superjet makes its feather-touch landing and its 362 passengers disembark each will feel less a person for the objective, calculated, efficient technology of the 70s. And, if so, who will make up the difference?

Victory Heights Sends Offering To Alaska Mission

Victory Heights, in Bolivar County Association, has only been constituted as a church since April 19, 1970. The first service as a mission was held December 14, 1969 with 16 members. Since then the membership has grown to 75.

The offering taken up during the church's first Vacation Bible School will be sent to a Baptist mission in Alaska. Enrollment at the June 8-12 school was 56.

Rev. Ronnie Wilburn is pastor.

Baptist Hospital Has Husband-Wife Intern Team

A husband-wife team gave Mississippi Baptist Hospital a Dr. Herrin last year and again this year in its intern-training program.

Thomas J. Herrin, Jr. graduated from the University of Mississippi Medical School in 1969 and interned at Mississippi Baptist Hospital.

After finishing his one-year rotating internship at the hospital on the last day of June, he began a residency in anesthesiology at University Medical Center.

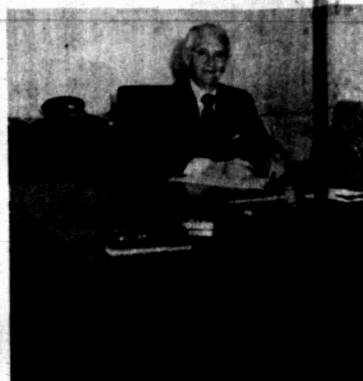
The next day, July 1, his wife, Dianne, began one-year rotating internship at the hospital following her graduation from University Medical School.

Dr. Thomas Herrin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jones Herrin, of Hattiesburg, and Dr. Dianne Herrin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Mize, Jr., of Oxford.

The doctors Herrin are the parents of a daughter, Rebekah Leah Herrin, born November 1, 1969.

Dr. John F. Bussey is director of Medical Education at Mississippi Baptist Hospital.

The Great Adventure - - Work With National Baptists



DR. WILLIAM P. DAVIS is director of the Department of Work with National Baptists, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The Department of Work with National Baptists is jointly sponsored and financed by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board (60 percent) and the Home Mission Board (40 percent). These funds are inadequate to meet the needs of the centers of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary, the Sophia Sutton Mission Assembly, and the scholarship fund. Negro Baptists contributed above \$50,000 to the work in 1968.

Camps, Vacation Bible Schools, Bible institutes and leadership conferences, reach more than 100,000 people per year.

Revival meetings, evangelism conferences, Sunday School Congresses, Training Union, Brotherhood and Usher Conferences yearly touch every community for Christ in Mississippi "to multiply the power of the Lord." In 25 years this ministry has reached almost a million people.

Every Wednesday and every Sunday by radio the Mississippi Baptist Seminary and the Sophia Sutton Mission Assembly are multiplying the power of the Lord.

For twenty-seven years the Mississippi Baptist Seminary has provided a definite plan whereby Mississippi National Baptists and Mississippi Southern Baptists have meaningfully and purposefully related to each other in positive Christian cooperation. As the Seminary has grown it has enlarged the responsibility of cooperation through the vast mission thrust of Sophia Sutton Mission Assembly, now valued at almost a million dollars. It should be stated that Sophia Sutton Mission Assembly owns additional property in Laurel valued above \$100,000. Dr. Davis states, "The Seminary has grown from nothing to an institution of almost unlimited power because of its supreme dedication: 'To multiply the power of the Lord.' It is The Long Step in interracial religious education and missions in Mississippi."



BIBLE SEMINAR LECTURER Dr. T. R. Brown, president of Mississippi Baptist Seminary, illustrates his discussion of the Crusades of the Americas during a night session at the assembly with materials he brought back from a preaching mission in Brazil sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Seminary and the Foreign Mission Board, which produced 717 additions by profession of faith. Dr. Brown, already serving as president, will be officially inaugurated in March, 1971.



TEACHER-MISSIONARY Mrs. Alma Jones (of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and the Home Mission Board) introduces two devotional speakers to a group of young people during a Vacation Bible School Assembly. Twenty-one young people confessed faith in Jesus Christ while ten dedicated their lives to Christian vocations.



COMMENCEMENT exercises at Mississippi Baptist Seminary were held this year on June 5 at seminary headquarters in Jackson, with a record number of 131 graduates. At that time, a campaign was launched to raise \$200,000 for the seminary building fund by June of 1976. Mississippi Baptist Seminary, "The Great Adventure in Christian Education," is a state chartered school of religious education, a system of 38 schools or extension centers strategically located throughout the state. Founded in 1942, it has trained 36,718; graduated 2,000 ministers and 3,000 laymen and ladies. Enrollment in 1969-70 was 2,265. The state headquarters is in Jackson at the corner of Delta and Ridgeway in a modern facility recently remodeled. Dr. T. E. Brown is president of the seminary.



THIS IS THE FACULTY of the Miss. Baptist Seminary's Southeast Center, Hattiesburg, seated, from left to right in the foyer of the T. W. Talkington Memorial Library, Rev. R. O. Tyler, public relations and administrative assistant; Dr. Forrest Wood, Mrs. Frances B. Pringle, Rev. A. T. Walker, dean; Dr. W. R. Noble, (not pictured), Mrs. Helena Oatis, Librarian; Miss C. M. Weatherby and Miss L. E. Sandifer.



THE BAPTIST STUDENTS shown above were present for the 1970 State Student Retreat for National Baptists, held at Sophia Sutton Assembly. Two hundred and fifty attended from campuses all over the state. One boy holds aloft the program, a cross on its cover. The Department of Work with National Baptists has BSU campus work at all Negro college, where 85 per cent of the students are Baptists, and scholarship aid for worthy students.



BOLIVAR COUNTY SEMINARY CENTER: Rev. Dick Brogan, director of education and promotion of work with National Baptists in the Delta, and H. C. Cherry, moderator Bolivar County Missionary Baptist Association. The 21 Delta counties all have extension classes, with Delta headquarters in Bolivar County.



THE SOPHIA SUTTON MISSION ASSEMBLY, established "to multiply the power of the Lord," is located near Prentiss, on a 239-acre campus. It reaches more than 25,000 people per year. Since 1953 there have been 11,204 professions of faith and 2,448 dedications to Christian vocations; 796 professed faith in Christ in 1969, and 218 dedicated their lives to a Christian vocation. There are now 15 buildings.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CHILDREN at Sophia Sutton Assembly play in front of the auditorium which seats 800 and is used the year-round for multiple services—of the T. W. Talkington Memorial Library, Baptist Student Retreats, YWCA, Sunday School and Training Union Congresses, Baptist Student Retreats, YWCA, YWA, CA, WMU, Royal Ambassador, Brotherhood, FFA, and Boy Scout Camps, PTA, revival meetings, Baptist associations, Baptist conventions, Stewardship and Evangelism Conferences, Bible seminars and many other church related activities. This first building was a joint financial effort of the Home Mission Board, the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, the Mississippi Baptist WMU Convention, and National Baptists.



THREE LEADERS chat together at Sophia Sutton Mission Assembly. They are Rev. Dick Brogan who is in charge of work with National Baptists in the Delta (an area embracing 11 counties with headquarters at Mound Bayou); Dr. Sidney L. Richmond, director of the Sophia Sutton Mission Assembly; and Dr. William P. Davis, director of Work with National Baptists of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

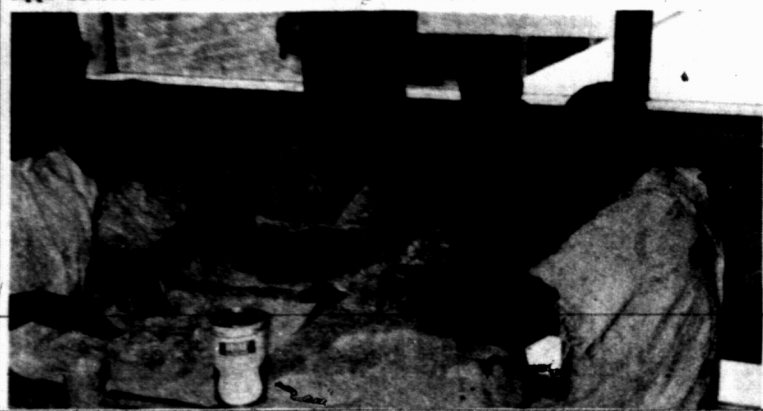


SCHOOL PARTICIPANTS: Left to right, John Shinnault, principal of Capers School; Joy McNeese, Lewis Smith, Wanda Brown, Marshall Weatherby, Susan Clark, Ruth Coogan, who led the mission study, Dayna Tadlock, Judy Brown, Joy Mayes, Mary Lee Crews, Mignonne (Mrs. James) Tadlock, principal of the VBS.

Jackson Young People Teach In Week's Bible School For Deaf

Young people of three Jackson churches taught Vacation Bible School one week (June 22-28) at the Capers Avenue Department of the Mississippi School for the Deaf. The Bible school was jointly sponsored by the Ridgecrest, Broadmoor, and Woodland Hills Churches, and the Cooperative Missions Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. The young people were assisted in their plans by Jerry St. John, Cooperative Missions Department, missionary to the deaf.

Mrs. James Tadlock, who was principal of the VBS, is kindergarten teacher at Broadmoor Church and works with young people at the Mississippi School for the Deaf on Sunday evenings.



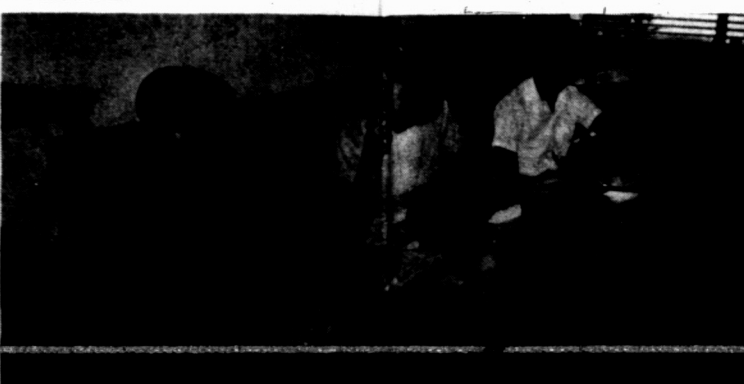
FINGER PAINTING at activities time — Judy Brown was in charge of the art at Capers Avenue VBS; Joy McNeese and Susan Clark were in charge of the play in the gym; Ruth Coogan and Mary Lee Crews were in charge of the filmstrips.



BIBLE STORY — Weeta Brown of Woodland Hills is shown teaching the Bible story in sign language at the sign class at Broadmoor Church.



REFRESHMENT TIME — Woodland Hills Church, Jackson, furnished the refreshments.



PICTURE PUZZLES — Joy Mayes, in charge of picture puzzles, here tells a VBS pupil to "smile."

"Life" Musical To Be Given At Long Beach

The youth of First Church, Long Beach, will be producing the new dynamic young world religious musical "Life", by Otis Skillings nightly August 2-5 at 8:00 p.m.

The work is 40 minutes of moving music for youth choral groups with piano, brass, drums and electric guitar accompaniment.

The group has been rehearsing four hours per week since mid June. As production time draws near their rehearsals will get more extensive even to a three day retreat.

The extensive lighting, sound system, back drop and musical production will resemble a Broadway Musical as closely as the church facilities will allow.

Charles Red, minister of music and youth, encourages the public to attend any or all of these productions.

Annual Mississippi Baptist Slow-Pitch Softball Tournament

The annual Mississippi Baptist slow-pitch softball tournament will be held August 13, 14, 15, in Jackson. Entrance Fee is \$20.00 per team. Deadline for entry is August 7, 1970.

Don't wait until the last minute as the number of teams allowed is limited. Any Baptist church in Mississippi interested in having a team participate should contact: R. W. Brister, tournament director, phone 366-0860, or Hinds-Madison Baptist Association, phone 362-8676, or write Hinds-Madison Baptist Association Recreation, Box 4686, Jackson, Miss. 39216.

Last year there were 36 Baptist church teams from over Mississippi participating in the tournament.

REVIVAL RESULTS

Beulah (Simpson): July 9-12; youth revival; Ronnie Purser, Gary Harper, song leaders; Rev. Marvin Cain, Mulgo, Alabama, evangelist; Rev. George Harper, pastor; 14 professions of faith; one surrendering to the gospel ministry; many rededications.



Licensed To Ministry

William A. McWilliams surrendered to the gospel ministry and was licensed July 12 by the Beulah Church in Simpson County. His pastor, Rev. George Harper, highly recommends this young man for supply work. His phone number is 849-5112, Magee, Miss.



24-Year Record

Pastor David T. Cranford of Southern Hills Church, Jackson, stands between two men whose faithfulness in Sunday school speaks for itself. On his left is chairman of deacons L. P. Mullican who has eight years of perfect attendance. Southern Hills Church is only four years and four months old — so both men brought their attendance records from churches to which they previously belonged.

Revival Dates

Longview Church (Oktibbeha): August 3-9; Rev. Ed McAbee, pictured, Gaffney, S. C., evangelist; Jimmy McGaugh, Monroe, La., music director; Rev. W. L. Stroud, pastor.

Victory Heights, Cleveland: August 2-7; services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Buddy McNear, pastor of Short Creek Church, Yazoo City, evangelist; Rev. Ronnie Wilburn, pastor.

Dry Creek Church, Preston (Kemper County): August 2-7; services 10:30 a.m. and 7:45 p.m.; Rev. Alex McGrew of Jasper Tenn., evangelist; Rev. J. F. Hagwood, pastor.

Mars Hill (Amite): August 2-7; Dr. Wayne E. Sterling, pictured, pastor, East Fork Church, evangelist; James Bickham, local businessman, music director; Mrs. J. L. Pate, organist; Mrs. Bobby Adams, pianist; services at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.; Rev. W. A. Sullivan, pastor.

Clear Creek (Marshall): August 2-8; homecoming services on Sunday, August 1, with lunch served at the church; All former pastors, members and friends invited; revival services throughout week; services at 7:30 p.m.; no morning services; Rev. Lester Bryant, the new pastor, evangelist.

Banner Church (Calhoun): August 2-7; services daily at 10:30 and 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Millard L. Swinney, evangelist; Betty Swinney, directing the singing; Becky Peden, pianist.

O'Zion (Franklin): August 3-9; Rev. Gene Woodruff, pastor, Mt. Nebo Church, Roseland, La., senior at New Orleans Seminary, evangelist; Rev. Don Gentry, pastor; services each night Monday-Sat., at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 1:15 p.m., with dinner at the church.

Temple Church, Forest: August 2-7; Rev. Guy Henderson, missionary to Korea, evangelist; weekday services 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Bethany Church (Calhoun) State Springs: August 2-14; Rev. Everett Denson (pictured), pastor, Bradford's Chapel Church, evangelist; services 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Martin Williams, pastor.

First Church, Vardaman (Calhoun): August 2-7; Rev. Fred Chancellor, pastor, First Church, Fulton; evangelist; Ted Standley, First Church, Fulton, singer; services 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Kenneth Pickens, pastor.

First Church, Durant: August 2-7; Dr. Earl Kelly, pastor Ridgecrest Church, Jackson, evangelist; David Young, minister of music First Church, Durant, singer; regular worship services on Sunday; weekday services, 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Durell Makamson, pastor.

New Hope (Tate): August 2-7; Rev. Ervin Brown, superintendent of missions for Desoto County, evangelist; Rev. Roy C. Wilson, pastor; services at 7:30 p.m.

Zion Hill (Mississippi Assoc.): August 2-7; homecoming August 2; Rev. Arthur Smith, pastor, evangelist; special music under direction of Thomas Dawson, song director.

Hux Church: August 13, 14, 15; Rev. Arthur Smith, pastor of Zion Hill Church, Mississippi Association, evangelist; Rev. Ed Causey, pastor, in charge of music.

Enterprise Church (Mississippi Assoc.): August 16-21; Rev. Arthur Smith, pastor of Zion Hill Church, Mississippi Association, evangelist; Rev. H. L. Carraway, pastor; night services only.

Mount Pisgah Church, Enid (Tallahatchie): August 2-9; weekday services at 8 p.m.; no morning services throughout week; Rev. Ira Perkins, pastor, Hebron Church, Sardis, evangelist; Homecoming services on Sunday, August 9; all former pastors, members, and friends invited; Rev. O. W. Wheeler, pastor.

First Church, Lyman: August 9-14; Dr. William Earl Greene, Supt. of Missions, Jasper Association, evangelist; Jimmy McCaleb, minister of music for Handsboro Church, singer; August 8, Handsboro Youth Choir to present "Tell It Like It Is"; "Dinner on the ground" will follow the Sunday morning service, Aug. 9. Rev. Wade Allen, pastor.

Sulphur Springs (Newton Assn.): July 22-31; Rev. Jerry Sims, Haughton, La., evangelist; Gene Gillis, Columbus, music director, Brenda Box, Brooksville, pianist; services 8 p.m. and 10 a.m.; Rev. John R. Mercer, pastor.

Harperville Church: August 2-7; regular hours on Sunday: 10:30 a.m. and 8 p.m. Monday - Friday; evangelist: Dr. L. M. Dorr, pastor, First Church, Florence; Singer: Thomas Moak, music director, Ridgecrest Church, Jackson; Pianist: Mrs. Billy McCollum; Organist: Mrs. Joe Martin; Pastor: Rev. Elton Barlow.

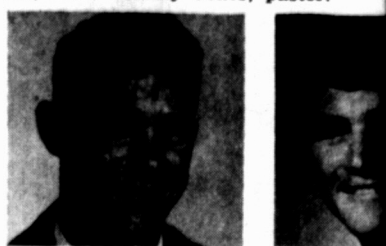
East Corinth Church, Corinth: August 10-16; 10:45 a.m.; 7:30 p.m. daily; Evangelist: Ed Bryon (pictured) of Clinton, guest speaker. (Brother Bryon is now entering his 6th year in evangelism.) Harold Ray Marecle, music director; Rev. Duall Corbett, pastor.

Flag Chapel Church, Jackson: August 2-7; Rev. Lester Gardner, pastor of Fellowship Church, Enterprise, evangelist; Rev. Johnny Speeding, minister of music at McDowell Road Church, leading the singing; services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Sunday, and at 7:30 p.m. during the week days.

Calvary, Tupelo: August 16-23; Dr. Duke K. McCall, President of Southern Seminary, Louisville, and a Broadman Press author, evangelist; Dr. Bob N. Ramsay, pastor.

New Hope (Simpson): August 2-7; Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; weekday services 7 a.m. and 8 p.m.; Rev. Allen Stephens, pastor, Bay Vista Church, Biloxi, evangelist; Rev. Jonnie E. Bridges, pastor.

Improve Church, (Marion): July 26-31; Rev. John E. Watts, pastor of Liberty Church, Liberty, evangelist; Ernest Ryals, newly-elected minister of music at Improve, leading music; services 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Tommy Jones, pastor.



IN REVIVAL SERVICES at Sattalia August 2-8, the three sons of the pastor, Rev. J. P. Everett, will be the evangelists. Mike Everett, Toby Everett, and Jimmy Everett, left to right above, will alternate in preaching beginning Sunday night. All three services will be at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. with no Saturday morning service. Saturday evening will emphasize Youth for Christ.

Leesburg Church (Rankin County): August 2-7; Rev. Jerry Henderson, pastor of Calvary Church, Waynesboro, evangelist; Rev. J. C. Renfro, Superintendent of Missions of Rankin Association, song leader; services on Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; services during the week at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. M. F. Wicker, pastor.

Sandersville Church, Sandersville: August 2-7; Rev. Fred Robertson, pastor of Parkway Church, Natchez, evangelist; Raleigh McGowan, Parkway Church, Natchez, music evangelist; services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Horace Carpenter, pastor.

Straight Bayou (Sharkey): August 2-7; services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; radio service at 8:05 a.m.; Belzoni, WELZ; Rev. C. C. Carraway, pastor of Calvary Church, Cleveland, evangelist; Reuben Hodnett, song leader; Ginny Boyd and Mrs. Charlotte Powell, pianists; Rev. J. H. Jones, pastor.



Concord (Choctaw): August 9-14; Homecoming on August 9, with lunch served for everyone; Rev. Bill Cox, at left, full-time evangelist (formerly pastor of Hillcrest, Jackson, and Oak Park, New Orleans), evangelist; James Hayes, right, former director of choirs at Durant, and Ridgecrest, Jackson, and present choir director at First Church, Hattiesburg, leading the singing; Rev. C. M. Day, interim

Richburg Church, Hattiesburg: August 3-9; Rev. Curtis Gibson, Pascagoula, evangelist; Selwyn Rayborn, Baxterville Church, singer; dinner on grounds 9th; no Saturday services; worship services 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Jimmy Talley, pastor.

Ogden Church, Route 1, Bentonla (Yazoo County): August 2-7; Rev. James Arden Sadler, pastor First Grand Bay, Ala., evangelist; Rev. Doug Warren, pastor, singer; dinner on grounds August 2; services 10:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.



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The Fruit Of Hate

Promised A Messiah

By Clifton J. Allen

Genesis 4:1-24; 1 John 3:11-15

The fall of man affected humanity from the start. It contaminated the stream of mankind. The sin of Adam and Eve began to bear tragic fruit. There was something in Cain's being that had potential for evil, and out of this came hate and murder. So, in the sequence of beginnings in the early chapters of Genesis, we have the first murder. Sin created a breach in man's relationships with God, and then sin produced a breach in man's relationship with man. As we study this story of Cain and Abel given in Genesis, we need to turn to 1 John 3:11-15 for the insight of Christian truth. Hate is the opposite of love, and hate is the essence of murder.

The Lesson Explained

TWO BROTHERS (vv. 1-7)

The story of Cain and Abel begins with a reference to the normal marital relationship of Adam and Eve. Having children was a part of God's commission to them. Cain was their firstborn, Abel their second. When they grew up, they followed different vocations, Abel tending sheep and Cain tilling the ground. Their making offerings to God is the first recorded instance of worship. Why God was pleased with Abel's offering and not with Cain's is not indicated in Genesis, but certainly it was the spirit behind the offering and not the offering itself. God judges the spirit of the giver whatever the gift. Cain's angry reaction reveals that his heart was not right with God. Here were two brothers, each one responsible and each one recognizing his obligation to God, but the spirit of one turned into resentment toward God and soon turned into jealousy toward his brother. God warned of his peril. Sin was crouching at his door, like a fierce animal ready to leap upon him. He was being severely tempted, but he did not have to submit. All persons, like Cain, are exposed to the subtle and determined attack of evil; man does not have to be a victim, for he can become a victor.

THE FIRST MURDER (v. 8)

The terrible deed is explained and recorded in the fewest of words. It seems obvious that Cain planned to kill Abel. He lured him into the field, and then he killed him. This was murder in the true sense — premeditated killing. Cain had not resisted his temptation. He had ignored God's warning. Cain's spirit toward God was wrong, and he allowed this to kindle jealousy that developed into hate that issued in murder. There is an inseparable connection between one's relationship with God and his relationship with his brother — and that includes not just the brothers in a single family but all brothers in the human family. The writer of 1 John gives us the clue to Cain's awful deed. Why did he kill Abel? "Because his own works were evil." Murder does not happen without a cause. There is an evil heart behind it, full of hate, full of evil.

CAIN'S PUNISHMENT (vv. 9-15)

Again Cain has to confront God. It is God who asks, "Where is Abel thy brother?" Cain could claim ignorance and tell a lie. He could not escape from God's accusation or the guilt of his deed or the punishment of God's judgment. The blood of Abel cried out from the ground for vengeance. What is meant by Cain's being cursed "from the earth" is not clear. At any rate, the ground will not be productive for Cain. He will be a wanderer

and a fugitive, separated from the home and blessing he might have had. Cain cried out with self-pity that his punishment was greater than he could bear. As a wanderer, he would be the easy victim of another person's violence. God mercifully spared his life and put a mark on him — what it was, no one knows — to protect him against the murderous attack of some other person. In dealing with Adam and Eve and Cain, God was even then the God of grace.

Truths to Live By

An evil spirit toward God produces an evil spirit toward man. — This truth comes out clear in the Bible from the very start. If there is reverence and respect and humility and trustfulness toward God, there will almost certainly be a reproduction of these attitudes toward other persons. The opposite is equally true. Disrespect and distrust and indifference toward God will result in indifference, distrust, disrespect, and hostility toward other persons. Love for God cannot be separated from love for man. The writer of 1 John was severely forthright in impressing the truth when he said that to claim to love God, while one hates his brother, is to be a liar. A person who does not love his brother will not truly love God.

Jealousy and hate destroy persons. — The reaction and result of hate and jealousy are first of all inward. Whatever the person against whom they are directed — whether a competitor, some public personality, a superior, a foreigner, a teammate or fellow student, a member of another race, or the person from whom one has received a personal injury — the person possessed by jealousy and hate is injured first. He will be tense and frustrated, likely bitter and vindictive, likely tormented by fear and ineffectiveness, and increasingly incapable of being generous and unprejudiced and forgiving. A person is slowly killing himself who allows hate to abide in his heart.

Man is a brother. — We think of the words of John Donne, "No man is an island." We do not live in isolation but in relationships. God created man with capacity for helpfulness toward other persons and capacity for compassion and love toward other persons and with a desire to be loved and helped by other persons. In a very real sense, all men are brothers. They are members of the human family. They have much more in common than in difference. They are alike in their capacity to be the true children of God by faith in Christ. And because they are brothers, every man is his brother's keeper.

Hungarian Baptists Lose Homes, Churches In Floods

TOKYO (BP) — Hungarian delegates to the Baptist World Congress here reported that all Baptist families in Geberjen, a community in northeastern Hungary, lost their homes in late spring floods that hit large areas of eastern Europe.

Baptists throughout the country have been trying to help the flood victims.

Two Baptist churches, each with about 30 members, at the Hungarian cities of Kisar and Csenger, were destroyed by the floods. In two other communities, homes of Baptist pastors were lost.

Hungary has about 20,000 Baptists.

By Bill Duncan

Isaiah 9:2-7; 11:1-10

It is good for us to pause and study the promise of the Messiah when there is not the competition with the other world at Christmas. Too often the story of the birth of Christ takes a second place at Christmas to the gifts and gift bearers. The promise is very important to understand at this time of the year.

It is also good for us to remember that like Israel of old our only hope in our nation is in the Messiah that has come. Our nation is experiencing some of the same problems of worship and faith that Israel knew during the time that Isaiah gave the promise of the Messiah. Our nation wants peace, but there will be no peace except in and through the Messiah. His reign shall bring peace and not the governments of the world. The background of the promise of the Messiah must be understood in light of history.

In the preceding chapters of Isaiah 7-8, the prophet has painted the hour of darkness and perplexity. King Ahaz did not walk with the Lord and had sought through alliances to find peace. The nation of Syria was about to attack and this brought fear to the hearts of Judah. The people had rejected God, and Isaiah had called the people into consultation with God.

The Divine Deliverance

What a contrast that is bridged by verse 9:1! Before, only despair is mentioned because the people would not accept God. The small nation is about to be the victim of the large and mighty nation. The nation was walking in darkness, but the Divine Deliverance was to come, according to Isaiah, and make the light to shine. The deliverer, the Messiah, would come and make the people to rejoice. The freedom would "break the yoke of burden, the staff of his oppressor, the rod of his oppressor." All of the fighting should come to an end and peace be established. The spirit of joy is like that of abundant harvest. It truly describes something that the people could not bring about themselves.

The coming of the Deliverer was to be in the form of a babe different from the children of Adam. He would grow up to the responsible position that the whole government would be upon his shoulders. The Babe born at Bethlehem was indeed such a one, for the light did shine in darkness and the darkness could not put it out.

The title given to this Deliverer is symbolic of the work he would do. "Wonderful Counselor" emphasizes the wisdom that he would use in ruling the world. "Mighty God" speaks of his absolute deity. "Everlasting Father" speaks of the eternal being. "Prince of Peace" speaks of the work the divine one would do. All of these ideas are consistent with that which the New Testament shows to be the work of Christ in the human heart and in man's relationship to man. This peace is more than the end of war; it is the persistent pursuit in his relationship with others. This peace is to be marked with judgment and justice. The Jews expected the Messiah to fulfill this against their enemies. However, Christ has not finished everything he started while here on earth. But Jesus did fulfill all the prophecy of the Old Testament. The Kingdom has come to us in Christ and yet it will also come in the reign of peace that is yet to come.

The Deliverer has come as was promised. He was seen by men and yet he will come again to fulfill much that is yet future. This hope is what we Christians must hold upward to the world.

The Nature of The Saviour's Kingdom

Isaiah 11:1-10

The hope of the people in Isaiah's day was that the Kingdom set up by the Messiah would bring peace. However, in looking back they rejected the prophet's conception of the Kingdom in hopes of one that they wanted.

(1) The King's Lineage — The Davidic Kingdom had as its ancestry David. The branch shall grow out of the base of the lineage. Matthew showed this in the lineage traced back to Abraham but through David.

(2) The King's Power — The power of the King is seen in the spirit that is upon him. With these qualities anyone could be successful. He was to be endowed with the spirit of the Lord, wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge, and the fear of the Lord.

(3) The King's Character — His

rule shall not be based upon the obvious but upon the fear of God and righteousness of God for all people.

(4) The King's Peace — The reign would transcend natural laws and boundaries. This is implied by the actions of animals that is contrary to their nature. The results of the Lord's rule in the hearts of men causes him to love and act different. The King's supernatural powers will bring this about.

(5) The King's Ultimate Extent of the Kingdom — The promise is that the whole earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord. All men will be invited to join this Kingdom and His rule will be extended to all corners of the world. As of now this has not been fulfilled. Jesus is the Lord who offers hope to all men everywhere.

The birth of such a Saviour needs the highest reverence that we can give it. There is only one way to be prepared for His leadership and that is to accept Him by faith as our Lord and Saviour. Then he truly becomes our King and Immanuel (God is with us).

Accepts Call To Daniel

Carlton R. McDowell has announced his acceptance of the call to become Minister of Education at Daniel Memorial, Jackson.

Mr. McDowell is a native of Denham Springs, Louisiana. He graduated from Louisiana College

Jeans Seminary. He received the MRE and BSM degrees from the seminary.

He served as minister of music and education in the following churches: First, Winona; Calvary, Memphis, Tenn.; DeWitt, Memphis, Tenn.; Whitesburg, Huntsville, Alabama; Meadowbrook, Gadsden, Alabama.

He served as minister of education in First Church, Nashville, Tennessee. He is married to Barbara Ann Yawn of Birmingham, Alabama. They have three children: Laura, 12, Mark, 11, and Timothy, 2.

Dr. Allen Webb is pastor.

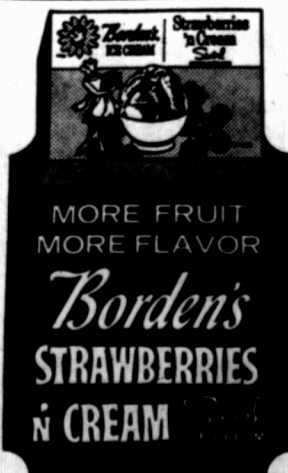
Clear Creek Church Calls New Pastor

Rev. Lester E. Bryant of Blue Mountain has accepted a call as pastor of Clear Creek Church (Marshall) near Holly Springs.

He was licensed by Peoples Church, Tiptah County, and ordained when he became pastor of New Hope (Benton) July 31, 1965. After leaving there, he served as pastor of Liberty Church (Union).

He has studied at Memphis Baptist College. He and wife (Tommye) have eight children, two of whom are married. They will continue to reside on Rt. 2 Blue Mountain for the present. He can be reached by phone at 685-4185.

Mr. Bryant will open the revival at Clear Creek on Sunday morning, August 1, with homecoming services. Nightly services will be at 7:30.



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Pascagoula's Calvary To Have Repeat Performance Of "God's Trombones"

Due to a packed auditorium of the new sanctuary and over 200 people turned away for the Sunday, June 28, performance of the dramatic musical, "God's Trombones", the Sanctuary Choir of Calvary Church, Pascagoula has been requested to present a repeat performance.

According to Mrs. Byron Mathis, director, the musical will be presented again on a week night, Thursday, July 30, at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Mathis has taken James Weldon Johnson's dramatic sermon from his book, "God's Trombones" and

has written an arrangement for the choir with interspersed musical numbers along with dramatic sound effects and lightings to make this an inspiring dramatic musical.

The pictured group will lead the choir in this musical. From left to right: Buddy Byron Mathis, character narrator and trumpeter; Rev. James Miller, associate pastor, sermon narrator; Mrs. Byron Mathis, director; Mrs. Van Graham, pianist; and (not pictured), organist, Jim Hawkins.

Rev. Byron Mathis, pastor, would like to welcome the public to the program and to view the new Calvary sanctuary along with hearing the new Zimmer pipe organ. Friends who were able to attend the first performance are invited to enjoy this inspirational program again.

State Man Named To BSSB Post

NASHVILLE (BP) — J. S. Johnson, former superintendent of missions of the Southern Baptist Convention, has joined the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board as audiovisual production consultant for the Broadman Film department.

He had served as superintendent of missions for the George County (Miss.) Baptist Association and the Jasper County (Miss.) Baptist Association. Earlier he served as pastor for churches in Alabama and Mississippi.

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Mrs. Dawn Gandy, a well known vocalist, will spotlight the musical part of the World Missions Retreat program by giving several renditions. I am sure that many of you recall having heard her on several occasions, especially during the World Missions Retreat last September at Garaywa. Mr. Dan Hall, State Music Director for Mississippi Baptists, will be in charge of all congregational sing. We are delighted to have Mr. Hall serve in this relation on our program.

Devotional

"Growing Up In Christ"

By Ralph H. Young, Escatawpa

Scripture: 1 Peter, 2:1-3, "Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocries, and envies, and all evil speakings, as newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious."

As you read this text, Peter leaves no doubt as to whom the letter is intended since he involves all "who have tasted the Truth of the Graciousness of our Lord"—thus the text is to the saved and the challenge is to the Born again Believers in Christ Jesus.

Peter was writing to a whole church of "babes in Christ" and with the tenderness of a spiritual pediatrician he seeks to remove the "spots" from their nature that would stunt their growth and limit their service.

Peter seems to have no certain way of placing the carnal hindrances in any particular category, but points them out as he recalls the lives of others he had known and the effects these blights had had on them. He simply begins with "malice." And as we know it, this is the sin of REVENGE that springs from a desire to "get even at any cost," or "I'll get even with him if it takes the rest of my life"—imagine this conversation coming from the lips of a child of God—it must not be! Peter declares it MUST be laid aside. "Malice" was behind the first murder in the human race, it very nearly spilled the blood of Esau and Jacob and Jesus Himself taught that "getting revenge" is not the job of the Christian.

Next, Peter pinpoints the sin of "Guile." This is the practice of deceit on the part of the saved, but as Peter points out, it must stop! Whether it was Satan using guile on Adam and Eve, or the sons deceiving Jacob about his favorite son, or Ananias and Sapphira deceiving the church, or a Deilah deceiving Samson, the result is always the same; heartache, tears and ruin. Peter says, Christians must lay it aside!

God's searchlight of TRUTH shines next upon "hypocrisy." The sin of pretending to be concerned, pretending to get involved, but never getting truly under the weight and burden of Christianity. Jesus met those who called Him "Lord," but they didn't mean it for they refused to do the things He commanded. It was tragic enough to see Simon Magus caught in this web of hypocrisy, but what a double loss to see one who professes to love Jesus, then deny Him with the life! Peter states this practice must be done with, laid aside—in the sense that it will not be picked up again.

The sin of "envy" comes under scrutiny next, and how easy this little trait can be the undoing of a babe in Christ! We first envy, then covet, and his rash attitude is climaxed by hate. Heman of Ester's day was not the last to get himself hanged as a result of letting his heart run away in ungodly envy. It can kill and often does, thus Peter says, it must GO from the Christian character.

Last of all, Peter states that if "babes in Christ" are to grow up, they must part with the "filthy garments" of the sin of "Gossip." How necessary it is that the babe in Christ early learn to control the most defiling member of the human body, the tongue, which James tell us was set on fire from Hell itself.

From inside his car, his living room or at the job, the person with a loose tongue can plant thoughts that will ruin characters, destroy friendships, uproot homes and split church families and yet never dirty their hands. Peter, now a giant for Christ and having grown in Grace gloriously, states again that the sin of EVIL SPEAKING must be shucked off—and laid aside. It must not be a part of the nature of a child of God.

"When each of us was born into the Kingdom by the grace of God, I believe that not only did the Triune of Heaven rejoice, but I believe that the angels sang praises all over heaven as we came into the family of The redeemed. And, like new born physical babies we were redeemed but helpless, worthless babies in God's nursery, but believe this, He never expected us to stay that way. Peter said we are to grow by the Word of God as we study and desire it, and the power to put off these blights that will make pygmies and midgets is within us, in the presence of the Holy

Kathy Eileen McKinney, of North Miami, Florida, a 1970 graduate of Blue Mountain College with majors in home economics and science, has just been notified by officials that she has been awarded a \$2,000.00 graduate assistantship in foods and nutrition at Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama. During the current summer months, Miss McKinney is serving as a student missionary in Central New York and some sections of Canada. Her assistantship at Auburn begins in September.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Williams, Southern Baptist missionaries, may now be addressed at P. O. Box 424, Enugu, Nigeria. Williams was born and reared in Portland, Tex., a town near Corpus Christi. Mrs. Williams is the former Ruby Williamson of Columbia, Miss. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1964.

Rev. and Mrs. Paul S. C. Smith, Southern Baptist missionaries, have left Jordan because of troubled conditions and gone to Lebanon (address: Box 2026, Beirut, Lebanon). Smith was born in Silver Creek, Miss., and also lived in West Monroe, La., while growing up. Mrs. Smith is the former Virginia Walker of Farmington, Mo. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1961.

D. M. Dixon, associational superintendent of Sunday school for Mississippi Association, announces a meeting for August 22. There will be specially prepared personnel to explain each phase of the new Shaping The Seventies Program to each age group. It is expected that a representation from each of the twenty-two churches in the association will be present. The meeting is to be with Mars Hill Church at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Leon Enser of Crystal Springs, the former Grace Smith, 1969 graduate of Blue Mountain College, has been awarded a National Science Foundation Academic Year Institute to the University of Mississippi for the 1970-71 session. The Institute includes a stipend in the amount of \$3000.00 plus books, tuition, and fees. Mrs. Enser is a member of the faculty of the Jackson, Miss., City School System.

Spirit, but whether we stay dwarfed or become giants for God will depend on our own will fusing into His Will. The group to whom Peter wrote his letter were guilty of these things because they were newborn babes in Christ—but to the rest of us who have known and walked with the King for months, years and even some for many decades, what is our excuse?

Names In The News

William Carey College administrator, Dr. D. C. Martin, has been invited to present a paper at the American Academy of Religion in New York City during October. Dr. Martin, dean of students and professor of religion and philosophy, will be featured in the Biblical Literature section of the annual conference. His subject will be "A Search for a Moral Concept of Sheol in the Book of Proverbs." Dr. Martin holds the doctor of theology degree from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in the field of Old Testament. He also holds degrees from Wake Forest College and from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.



A. V. Windham, Jr., Minister of Education and Youth at the Forest Church, will be leaving on July 30 to work with the West Main Baptist Church in Fredonia, New York for a week of mission emphasis. Rev. Gene Fant, pastor of the Fredonia Church, invited Mr. Windham, his wife June, and their two children to spend a week with them in Vacation Bible School efforts, personal work, and visitation in this pioneer mission area. The Forest Church, as a gesture of appreciation and love and also as an investment in this mission project, will provide the expenses for their family during the week of traveling. They will be involved in this undertaking from July 30 until August 13.



Robinson and Mrs. M. F. Jones, missionaries who have completed an extended leave, were scheduled to leave July 9 to return to Uruguay (address: c/o Dr. Carlos Maria de Pena, Montevideo, Uruguay). Both Mr. and Mrs. Jones are Mississippians. He is a native of Wayne County; the former Marie Martin, she was born in Hattiesburg and also lived in Brooklyn and Leakesville.

Danny White is the new full-time minister of music and education at Calvary, Cleveland. A native of Louisville, he is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Edward White. He holds an associate of arts degree from East Central Junior College and a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Delta State College. Mr. White has served as minister of music at First Church, Boyle, First Church, Crowder, and Central Church, Grenada.



Rev. Jack Custer, P. O. Box 568, Lebanon, Tenn. 37087 has surrendered his life to God's service in full-time evangelism. The Tennessee native graduated from Westmoreland High School and Cumberland College in his home state, and served two years in the U. S. Army. Ordained to the ministry by Southside Church, Bethpage, Tenn., in 1963, he has served pastorates at First, Westmoreland; Southside and Trinity, Lebanon, Tenn., and has held revivals in Tennessee, Kentucky, and Indiana. He is married to the former Joyce Boze of Bethpage. They have four children. Mr. Custer may be contacted at the above address.



Robin D. Nichols is serving as youth director of Highland Church, Vicksburg, this summer. Rev. Bobby Thompson is pastor. Robin has lived in Vicksburg all his life. He graduated from H. W. Coker High School in 1966 and Clarke College in 1968. He served as a student pastor and B. S. U. director at the University of Montana in 1969. He was ordained in 1968 by the First Church, Vicksburg. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Nichols.



Lola M. Autry (Mrs. Ewart A. Autry) of Whippoorwill Valley, Hickory Flat, Miss., is author of a new book, 52 Devotional Programs for Primary Children — With Original Songs — just released by Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Michigan.



Stephanie and Cindy Peyton of New Hope Church, Tate County, were recently presented their eight-year pins for perfect attendance in Sunday school. Rev. David Condit made the presentation.

J. B. Henderson, who served the past six years as principal of Scott Central School, and as a faithful and dedicated member of the Harpersville Church, has been honored in a resolution adopted by the Harpersville congregation. "He has served well as teacher of the Older Men's Sunday School class and Director of the Adult Training Union," the resolution stated. "He has moved to another field of service. We the members of this Sunday School class, the Adult Training Union, and the church as a whole express our appreciation for his dedication and service while he was with us." Rev. Elton Barlow is pastor at Harpersville.



Called To Banner

Rev. Millard L. Swinney began his ministry at Banner Church, Banner, in Calhoun Association, on June 7. He and his family were welcomed with a supper and a pouncing. He moved to this church from Priceville Church, Tupelo. He has held pastorates in Pontotoc, and Marshall Association. He has one daughter, Betty, at home, who will be a senior in Bruce High School this fall. Betty, now serving as music director at Banner, is pictured above with Rev. and Mrs. Swinney.

Revival Dates

Harmony Church (Winston): Aug. 2-7 Rev. W. C. Breland, evangelist; Mike Rogers, minister of music at Harmony, in charge of music; Miss Brenda Smith, pianist; weekday services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Rev. W. C. Smith, pastor.

Salem Church (Landerdale): Aug. 2-7; Rev. Tom Espy, pastor, Mt. Gilead Church, evangelist; John T. Laughlin, minister of music at First Church, Meridian, in charge of music; Mrs. Purser S. Davis, organist; Miss Pam Hurlt, pianist; Sunday services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.; weekday services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Rev. Purser S. Davis, pastor.

Clear Branch (Lincoln): Aug. 2-7; Rev. Charles Damper, pictured, pastor of Easthaven church, Brookhaven, evangelist; Troy Douglas, music director at Clear Branch, singer; services at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Rev. Talmadge Smith, pastor.

McAdams (Attala): August 3-8; Rev. Eugene H. Dobbs, pictured, pastor of McLaurin Heights, Jackson, evangelist; Charles Cone, MC graduate, song leader; Bill McLellan, church music director, pianist; Mrs. Inez Gowan, organist; Rev. H. C. Adams, pastor; services at 6 and 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

First Church, Holly Springs: August 2-7; Rev. Larry Rohman, pictured, pastor, First Church, Jackson, evangelist; Jamall Badry, Oklahoma City, singer; Rev. Clyde Little, pastor.

Black Hawk Church (Carroll): August 9-14; Rev. Howard Paul Collins, pastor; Rev. B. L. Montgomery, former pastor of Coila Church, evangelist; services at 8 p. m.

Zion (Pontotoc): August 2-7; Rev. Kermit McGregor, pastor of First, Winona, preacher; Johnny L. Eubanks, music director, Zion, singer; services at 10 a. m. and 8 p. m.; Rev. Truman D. Scarborough, pastor.



Society Hill (Jefferson Davis): August 2-9; Rev. David Lewis, left, associate pastor, Calvary Church, Jackson, evangelist; Bill Gueringer, right, minister of music, Rio Vista Church, New Orleans, La., singer; services Monday-Saturday, 7:30 p. m.; services on Sunday at 11 a. m. and 6 p. m.; Rev. Richard H. Crapps, pastor. (August 2 will be Homecoming Day. The morning worship service will be extended and dinner will be served on the grounds. Society Hill is currently raising funds to brick the entire building.)

Mt. Pleasant Church (Lincoln): Aug. 2-7; Rev. Paul Ragland, Myrtle, evangelist; Floyd Grice, Sunday services 10:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. with dinner on the grounds; weekday services 10:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Rev. Charles Couey, pastor.

Pass Road Calls Pastor

Rev. George Bowers has resigned as pastor of DeLisle Church to accept a call from the Pass Road Church in Gulfport.



A graduate of Temple Baptist College, he was awarded the Master of Theology degree from New Orleans Seminary May 14 of this year. He served churches in Louisiana before coming to Mississippi, and has taught in the public school system there. He is married and has one child Sharon, thirteen. Rev. Bowers and his wife, Eva, are originally from Atlanta, Georgia.



Mrs. M. F. Roberts

McComb Baptist Celebrates Her 101st Birthday

Mrs. M. F. Roberts, of 410 Beech St., McComb, celebrated her 101st birthday on July 14. A member of First Baptist Church, McComb, and very likely that church's oldest member, she is in very good health yet. Until the past few years, she had missed only one or two Sundays of service. (Dr. Wyatt Hunter had been her pastor for thirty years when he retired.) She is one of the Baptist Record's oldest readers.

Of her six living children, three are members of First, McComb. One of her daughters, Mrs. R. E. Rogers, writes, "As long as she was able, she was a faithful servant, and reared her children to put Christ first. Widowed in 1919, she has been a wonderful mother. She spent a great deal of time, and was never too busy, to do whatever she could for others. She attributes her long life to good living and to trusting in the Lord. How he has blessed her!"

Her six living children are Mrs. Nettie Foreman, Mrs. Kate Thompson, Mrs. Elsie Martz, McComb; Mrs. Theima Barron, Houston; Mrs. Lola Roberts, Poplarville; Bill Roberts, Kokomo (Dr. David Satterwhite, Bay Springs, is a nephew; Bob Stuart of Jackson is another nephew.)

She has lived in McComb most of her life, but has friends all over the state.

Off The Record

Hunting Out Of Season Costs Pastor \$755.12

The pastor of Easthaven Church, Kalspell, Montana, Rev. Robert Wall (former Mississippian), a chaplain in the National Guard, left Kalspell at 5:00 a. m. enroute to Boise, Idaho for two weeks annual training. He was traveling south on US 93 about five miles south of Lakeside when suddenly, and with no warning of her intentions whatsoever, a 1968 model doe (spelled dough to insurance company) appeared in front of Mustang. Even though Mustang was sporting new shoes he could not stop in time to avoid bodily contact. Mustang has just been released from horse-pital where major face lifting surgery was performed. Doe has gone to that great pasture in the sky where good little deer go after making contact with a Mustang ridden by a Baptist preacher. Moral — unbridled preachers are a danger to all deer things. — "Easthaven Evangelist"

MISTAKEN IDENTITY

Each child in the Sunday School class was instructed to describe his favorite Bible character. "King Solomon," declared a little girl "is my favorite character in the Bible — because he was so kind to ladies and animals." "Who told you that?" the startled teacher inquired. "Nobody told me," the little girl answered, "I read it myself in the Bible. It says Solomon kept seven hundred wives and three hundred porcupines."

By The Numbers!

"Well," snarled the tough old sergeant to the private. "I suppose after you get discharged from the Army you'll just be waiting for me to die so you can come and split on my grave."

Middle Course

There were three stores in a row. One day the first store owner in the row put up a sign reading, "Fire Sale." Presently, the third man in the row put up a sign advertising "Bankruptcy Sale." The man in the middle surveyed his neighbors' signs for a while, then came out with one of his own. It read, "Main Entrance."



West Point Young People Help In VBS In Cheney, Washington

On Monday, July 20, thirteen young people and three adult counselors from First Church, West Point, left for Cheney, Washington for nine days of mission work, to be gone for a total of sixteen days.



While in Washington they will conduct a Vacation Bible School, a youth rally, and present their music-drama service in several churches. Their headquarters while in Washington will be the Cheney Baptist Church, pastored by Rev. Wayne B. Mills. Mrs. Mills, the former Voncille Rushing, is a former educational director at First Church, West Point.

Enroute to Washington, the group will be in charge of a prayer meeting service at Immanuel Baptist Church in Billings, Montana, and will tour Yellowstone National Park. They will arrive in Washington on July 24 and begin their trip back to Mississippi on August 2.

Interest in this mission trip began back in December when the church's youth council was instrumental in raising over \$300.00 for the Cheney church. When a thank-you note came from the Mills they asked if some of the young people could come to help in the Vacation Bible School. Since that time, through car washes and special gifts by church members, \$1500.00 was raised to finance the trip.

Accompanying the group will be Mr. and Mrs. Al Sage, III, and Jerry Neely, minister of music and youth. Rev. Joel Haire is pastor.

Common sense is about the most uncommon thing there is.

Baptist World Relief Aids Romania And Peru

The serious disasters of floods in Romania and earthquake in Peru have brought expressions of sympathy and concern from people throughout the world.

The Baptist World Alliance through its Relief Department have sent \$5,000 to the Romanian Relief Fund and a similar amount to Peru. The secretary of the European Baptist Federation has invited the Baptist unions of Europe to contribute towards a fund that will help to meet specific needs among Baptist people in Romania as these are made known. — (EBPS)

Faculty Wedding

Romantic excitement ran high in the Clarke College family, as Admissions Counselor Woodrow W. Burt and Miss Katherine Speed, English-teacher-to-be at Clarke, were married on June 14. The ceremony was in First Church, Newton, and officiating ministers were Rev. Hardy Denham, pastor, and Rev. John C. Speed, of Meridian, uncle of the bride. The couple left immediately for New Orleans, where Mr. Burt is studying this summer in New Orleans Seminary. Mrs. Burt, who is a graduate of MSCW and holds the M. A. degree in English (University of Mississippi), will take up duties as a new member of the Clarke faculty, with the assignment of Freshman English, in September.